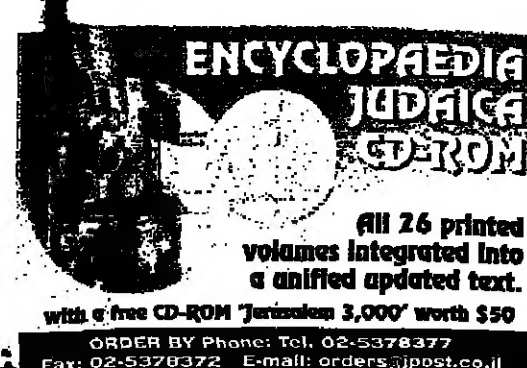


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## Bar-Ilan: Declaring statehood would void accord

By DANNA HARMAN

For the first time since last month's Wye agreement, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday publicly revived the idea of unilaterally declaring an independent state on May 4, 1999, prompting an angry reaction from the Prime Minister's Office.

Arafat, addressing a mass rally in Nablus yesterday, was quoted as saying that, "We will declare our independent state on May 4, 1999, with Jerusalem as its capital, yes Jerusalem, the eternal capital of our state, whether they like it or not."

"Now we are on our land and we are regaining this holy land inch by inch until we set up our state in 1999," Arafat told thousands gathered in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the declaration of independence made by the Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers.

That declaration was made during the early days of the intifada and was aimed to firm up the PLO's position in the territories and to fill a vacuum after King Hussein severed most Jordanian links with the West Bank.

Until intensive US diplomacy with Israel and the PA paved the way for the Wye summit and agreement last month, Arafat referred frequently to declaring a state on May 4, when interim self-rule arrangements of the Oslo Agreement are due to expire.

But at the urging of the US and Israel, he had in recent weeks played down references to May statehood and raised the possibility that he was open to other ideas - until yesterday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, in response, reiterated the government's position that such a unilateral declaration would be "not just a violation of the accord - but its cancellation."

"A mere declaration of intention puts the [Oslo] agreement in doubt," Bar-Ilan added.

With ratification of the Wye Memorandum last week in the cabinet, Netanyahu cautioned that if the Palestinians declare statehood, Israel reserves the right to stop the process and annex those parts of the West Bank and Gaza still under its control.

Into the middle of this volley of threats has stepped US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, who began his most recent shuttle mission with a clarification. This time, said Ross, he is in the region not as a negotiator or mediator, but simply as an overseer of a deal already done.

"Our objective is to have the Wye Memorandum implemented. Both sides have obligations and responsibilities under the terms of the Wye Memorandum and we expect both sides will carry out those obligations and responsibilities," said Ross, after meeting with Arafat in Nablus yesterday.

"One of the important consequences of this agreement is that it has gotten the parties used to talking to one another," he added.

Ross is expected to remain in the region for most of this week, meeting with senior officials on both sides. When he does depart, he will leave members of his team behind, including his deputy Aaron Miller, to continue overseeing the implementation process.

While the accord ratification process has yet to be completed - it will be brought to the Knesset tomorrow and a vote of approval is expected there Tuesday - some parts of the agreement are scheduled to move forward this week.

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# US: Iraq offer unacceptable

## Berger says America still poised to take military action

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

US National Security Adviser Sandy Berger yesterday called an Iraqi letter offering to resume cooperation with UN arms inspectors "unacceptable" and said the United States remains poised for military action.

"The Iraqi letter ... is neither unequivocal nor unconditional. It is unacceptable," Berger told reporters at the White House.

Berger made clear that the United States, which has added to its already lethal military presence in the Gulf in recent days, is still ready to make armed strikes against Baghdad.

"We were poised to take military action and we remain poised to take military action," Berger told reporters.

Earlier yesterday the White House announced that US President Bill Clinton had decided to remain in Washington to keep track of the Iraqi crisis, sending Vice President Al Gore to an Asia-Pacific economic summit in Malaysia in his place.

Berger was scathing in discussing the letter that Iraq sent UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, saying Washington wants an unequivocal response from Baghdad.

"What we have instead is a letter, and particularly an annex, that's got more holes than Swiss cheese," he said.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Security Council was due to meet late last night to discuss Iraq's agreement to resume cooperation with UN weapons inspectors, two weeks after suspending their activities and provoking a United States-led military buildup in the Gulf.

The Iraqi turnabout, pledged in a letter from Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, seemed to take the steam out of any imminent military strike to back UN demands that Baghdad let the inspectors resume work.

"The leadership of Iraq decided to resume working with the [UN] Special Commission and the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] and to allow them to perform their normal duties in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council," Aziz wrote to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the letter followed a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and the regional command of the ruling Baath Party, headed by President Saddam Hussein.

But an annex to the letter, the text of which was released at the UN in New York, reiterated Baghdad's demands for a quick and comprehensive review of the extent of its compliance with the terms of the UN resolution that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said yesterday that the crisis over UN weapons inspections in Iraq is "by no means over yet," as it is unclear whether Iraq's offer to allow weapons inspections to resume their work is unconditional. Forces remain on alert, poised for



Iraqi Ambassador to the UN Nizar Hamdoun looks on yesterday as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan reviews a letter stating Iraq would allow weapons inspections to resume.

military action without further warning, he added.

In New York, Annan described the Iraqi letter, handed to him by Iraq's UN Ambassador Nizar Hamdoun, as "positive." He said he believes it meets UN requirements for ending the crisis sparked by Iraq's withdrawal on October 31 of cooperation with the UN weapons inspectors.

The UNSCOM (UN Special Commission) inspectors have to verify the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction before UN sanctions against Baghdad, imposed after its invasion of Kuwait in 1990, can be lifted.

Hamdoun told reporters: "The Iraqi leadership has decided to resume full and complete cooperation with both the UNSCOM and the IAEA. They will be allowed in the minute they would like to go and resume their normal work."

The letter said Iraq's aim in halting cooperation with the inspectors had been not to create confrontation with the Security Council, but to highlight the suffering of its people under sweeping UN sanctions.

The letter's annex said the comprehensive review of the extent of

its compliance with the terms of UN Security Council Resolution 687 should "be carried out within a very short time (seven days for example) after the resumption of UNSCOM and the IAEA of their normal duties."

It also demanded the lifting of the oil-export embargo against it contained in the resolution. Saddam has repeatedly said that he wants the economic sanctions lifted before he permits resumption of inspections.

The Security Council contends that weapons inspections must be completed before the sanctions can be lifted.

In remarks on Friday at an anti-crime event at the Old Executive Building next to the White House, Clinton said the US and the international community has "very patiently sought" a diplomatic solution to the year-long crisis but that the moment of decision is near.

Clinton also pointed to the anti-Iraq position taken by Arab leaders, saying that Saddam's choice to risk attack is "his alone, and the consequences if he fails to comply are his alone."

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## Federation GA to hold 'the mother of events'

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Not even the threat of another war with Iraq could keep some 3,500 participants away from the North American Jewish community's mother of events, the General Assembly (GA), opening tomorrow night in Jerusalem.

Paul Berger, the North American chairman of the GA, said Friday there had been no cancellations for the event, being held here for the first time in honor of Israel's jubilee.

He described it as "a happening. It's a kind of smorgasbord which includes on it every conceivable idea that exists today in the Jewish world, where you have a connection between living and Jewishness."

With the theme "Many People, Many Roads, One Heart," the GA, hosted by UIA Federations of North America, mixes educational programming, colorful displays and exhibits, and plenty of schmoozing about important issues on the Jewish agenda, both in their own communities and in Israel.

"It's almost like an unlimited food fair, which is put before people who have big appetites but don't quite know what they want to eat. You have all the smells and appearances of the product, and people will connect one way or the other," Berger said.

Paramount at this year's meeting is the opportunity to take the pulse of the relationship between Israel and the North American Jewish community.

"What we're looking for is that we talk with each other and engage with each other and see if we can go forward together in a way in which each of us cares about being connected," Berger explained. "It's not an obvious question today that the population of Israel today or the population of North America really

give a damn about each other... the leadership may feel that way, but it's not obvious that *amcha* [the common person] shares that view."

The rich variety of offerings that characterizes the GA is expressed in both the schedule and the list of participants in this year's event, which begins with Ehud Manor's multi-media presentation, *Rhapsody in Blue and White*, tomorrow evening with 12 acts, each representing a different phase in the history of Zionism, according to the organizers.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, GA international chairman Charles Bronfman, and Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg will be among the speakers at the gathering.

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The schedule reflects the goals set when it was decided to hold the gathering here: strengthening the partnership between the two communities through workshops, seminars, lectures, and tours focusing on various issues in Israeli society and those affecting both communities.

Tuesday morning will be spent in a series of "Cross-Cultural Dialogues," featuring combinations of speakers aimed at stirring maximum interest, among them authors Chaim Potok and A. B. Yehoshua, or journalists Clyde Haberman of *The New York Times* and Akiva Eldar of *Ha'aretz*, and one with New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg and Likud coalition chairman Meir Shechit. To be moderated by *Jerusalem Post* vice chairman Hersh Goodman.

Participants will then have the possibility to "Lunch and Learn" with the likes of Adin Steinsaltz, David Hartman, Blu Greenberg,

and a host of other leading educators and personalities.

One of the highlights of the gathering will be on Wednesday, when participants will choose one of 38 routes as part of the GA's "Many Roads" program, designed to take them into the field to see areas of interest first hand, ranging from a session for Israeli and North American lawyers - which will include a meeting with Supreme Court President Aharon Barak - to an examination of environmental and ecological issues in Israel - including a walk through a nature reserve, study of texts showing the relationship between Judaism and the environment, and meetings with members of Israel's Green Coalition.

Mixed in will be matters related to the budgets and operations of the UIA Federations of North America, whose representatives will be discussing their annual activities both back home and as relates to their fund-raising and other efforts on behalf of Israel.

The event culminates on Thursday with the "Rally for the Unity of the Jewish People," in which a historic Knesset session will be held with a "Parliament of the Jewish People," to include MKs and North American Jewish leaders, signing a covenant between the Israeli people and the Jewish people of North America.

Among the North American participants will be: US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk; Judge Ilana Rovner of the US Court of Appeal's Seventh Circuit; Michael Steinhardt, president of Steinhardt Management; James S. Tisch, president of UIA-Federation of New York and CEO of Loew's; Morton Mandel, chairman of the Parkwood Corporation; and Charles Schusterman, chairman, president, and CEO of the Samson Investment Company.

## Health funds overcharging patients - Health Ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health funds that have charged members more than 10% to 15% self-participation in the cost of medications will have to return the money, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said on Friday. In a letter to the directors of the four insurers, Matza said some had been requiring patients to pay half the cost of drugs without obtaining the necessary ministry approval.

Not only were they overcharging, but they were reimbursing members for the health fund's share of

the cost as much as six months later, in effect using patients as their private bank. This, too, would have to stop, and patients would have to be reimbursed within a month after buying medications at their expense and a maximum of 10 days after applying for return payments, Matza said.

Prof. Shuki Shemer, the associate director-general in charge of medical technologies, said last night that no one knows when the health funds began charging up to 50% of the cost of some drugs, but that complaints began coming in recently.

The health funds gave their own interpretation of changes set by the last arrangements bill to pass the Knesset Finance Committee, claiming that they could demand 50% participation in the cost of some medications without ministerial approval.

The minister told the health funds that by April 1, 1999 they must stop charging beyond the legal ceiling; he also asked for detailed information from the insurers on their drug-reimbursement policies.

## Israeli hikers survive three weeks without food in Chile

By DAVID RUDGE

Two young Israelis lost in forests in the highlands of Chile managed to survive for three weeks on just water and ants after their food ran out.

Itamar Ben-Hur and Tomer Friedman, both 21, from Herzliya, were found on Thursday by a search helicopter.

They ate only ants and drank water for the entire three weeks in a forest clearing by a river where they had decided to camp and wait for help. They decided that to look for the trail without food would be foolhardy and their best chance of survival and rescue was to hold up in the clearing, where there was water.

At night, with temperatures dropping to five degrees below zero centigrade, they built campfires both for warmth and to signal possible rescuers. They were eventually spotted by a helicopter crew and a paramedic was lowered, who found them safe but weak.

Itamar lost 12 kilos and his friend Tomer around 17 kilos, but both were in good health and are now on special diets.

The friends informed their families that they intended to set out from Fukkon in Chile on what should have been a three-day trek on a trail through a national park. That was on October 13.

Their parents became worried when they did not hear from them. Tomer's parents, Motti and Rahel, initiated a search operation and they flew out to Fukkon the following day. News of the disappearance was broadcast locally.

"I really do believe that Motti and Heli [Rahel] saved my son's life as well as Tomer's," said Itamar's mother, Josanne Ben-Hur.

"The marvelous thing is how the boys survived for 21 days without food. They wrote diaries, took photographs of one another. Itamar had a Tom Clancy book, which they read to each other in English. They supported one another. When

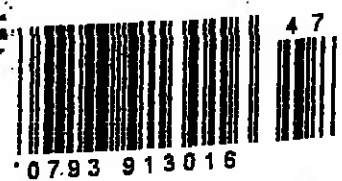
Itamar was down, Tomer supported him and vice versa.

"The thought that kept them going was the fact that they knew that their families would come and look for them. Tomer kept saying that his father would come and find them, and they did. They found them," said Josanne.

They needed to draw on all their inner reserves as the days went by. They searched for food in their immediate surroundings but to no avail, and could not even see any animals to hunt. The ants were their only source of nourishment in the wilderness.

"I spoke with Itamar on the phone and he said the most wonderful thing after his first night in hospital was that he had walked to the bathroom by himself and afterwards lay back on the bed 'looking forward to the next morning.' For 21 days, they didn't know what the next day would bring," said Josanne.

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## NEWS

in brief

## Russia to help upgrade Syria's defensive weapons

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev told his Syrian counterpart Mustafa Tlas yesterday that Moscow was ready to improve Syria's defensive weapons in a meeting in Damascus. "Marshal Sergeev stressed... the deep-rooted cooperation... to improve the defensive capabilities of the friendly Syrian army," the official said. Russian officials said Sergeev's talks covered the possibility of modernizing Syria's Soviet-made weapons. They did not say whether any agreement was reached. *Reuters*

## EU to launch new plan for Syria-Israel talks

Austria is planning to launch a fresh initiative on behalf of the European Union to resume the Syrian-Israeli peace talks, which broke off in early 1996, Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel said in Damascus yesterday.

Addressing a joint news conference with Syrian counterpart Farouk Shara following talks with President Hafez Assad, Schuessel did not give details about the initiative but said Syria and Israel have supported the idea. "We intend to launch an initiative during our presidency of the EU to resume talks... in coordination with our EU partners and with the parties concerned." *Schuessel said.* *Reuters*

## Neeman defends interest rate hike

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman this weekend defended the Bank of Israel's decision to increase the interest rate in light of the depreciation of the shekel against the dollar following the world's financial crisis.

Science Minister Silvan Shalom last night called for an immediate cabinet debate, describing the increase as "hysterical. The government must have its say before it's too late and the economy becomes embroiled in recession, slows down, and unemployment [becomes] as serious as we have known."

This afternoon the Central Bureau of Statistics will publish October's consumer price index, which is expected to have risen by 3-4 percent. *David Zeev Harris*

## Price of flour rises 16%

The price of flour goes up 16 percent to an average NIS 2 per kilogram today, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky agreed to raise flour prices to compensate for the decline of the shekel against the dollar and for seasonal price increases. Most of the country's flour is imported from the US. *Itm*

## Police rescue hang-glider pilot from minefield

Golan Heights police yesterday rescued a hang glider pilot who strayed off course and landed in a minefield near Kibbutz Mevo Hama.

Unfortunately, he was stung by a scorpion while waiting for the rescue team and was rushed to Rambam Hospital in Haifa. *Itm*

## IDF uproots saplings near Gaza settlement

The IDF put up a roadblock near Morag in the Gaza Strip last night after soldiers uprooted some saplings that were planted illegally by some Israelis near the settlement. *Itm*

## PA, Israeli officials express relief as Gulf crisis appears to be over

By DANNA HARMAN

Both the government and the Palestinian Authority welcomed signs yesterday that a possible military strike against Iraq over United Nations weapons inspections had been averted.

While government officials have reiterated over the past days that Israel was not a party to the conflict and that the chance of a retaliatory attack on Israel was close to zero, sighs of relief were still very much evident yesterday.

"Obviously, everyone wants a

resolution without bloodshed," said David Bar-Ilan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director, who added that he hoped the UN inspectors would be able to prevent Saddam Hussein from acquiring ballistic missiles with non-conventional warheads.

"What is important now is for the inspection to proceed, so that the region will be safe from non-conventional weapons and the means of their delivery."

On Friday, when a US attack seemed a more likely option, the

security cabinet held a special meeting to discuss the crisis and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said that Israel "will know how to defend its people" against a possible Iraqi attack.

However, Sharon too downplayed the threat to Israel. "I think we have to continue to lead our normal lives. I would like to encourage tourists to come. As you will see, it is beautiful here, wonderful weather," he said at a press conference. "Life is normal."

Palestinian officials, in turn, who had urged the US to exhaust diplo-

matic efforts and avoid military action, also expressed satisfaction.

"We are very happy that the crisis has ended in a peaceful way," senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said.

Erekat said the PA had feared that wide-spread popular support for Saddam Hussein in the event of US military action could put Arafat in a difficult position with the US.

"We were apprehensive that it may have a negative impact on the peace process and the implementation of the [peace] agreement,"

Erekat told the AP.

Erekat further called on the UN to lift the sanctions imposed on Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

Arafat received a letter from President Bill Clinton on Friday, in which Clinton assured Arafat that the US was trying to avoid military action against Iraq, said Nabil Shaath, a senior aide to Arafat.

Shaath said that Arafat had written Clinton a letter in response, emphasizing that the PA wanted a peaceful solution to the crisis.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.



Iraqis burn an American and an Israeli flag yesterday during a demonstration in front of a United Nations building in Baghdad. (AP)

## Gas mask centers to remain open

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Home Front Command (HFC) reopened its gas mask distribution centers last night and for the time being intends to keep them open around the clock for the next week, even though the Iraqi crisis appears to have subsided.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has been holding daily assessments with top IDF officials and is scheduled to meet with them again this morning to review new developments.

Last night, defense officials were hesitant to comment on the developing diplomatic solution but said that Israel supports any measures that would reinstall UN weapons inspectors in Iraq.

"The State of Israel supports the US efforts to ensure significant inspection by UNSCOM and Israel supports any steps the US takes in this matter," said Avi Benayahu, Mordechai's spokesman.

Last night, 65 gas mask distribution centers were opened nationwide after they had been shut for Shabbat. The HFC continues to urge all who have not yet updated their gas mask kits to do so now. It has also opened an automated hotline which answers most queries.

The English-language telephone number is 053-133-777. Hebrew is 053-133-444, Arabic: 053-133-555, Russian: 053-133-666. An automated hotline in Amharic is to be opened today, HFC officials said.

Information can also be obtained from the HFC line dialed from anywhere in the country at 12-55-111.

The IDF has also put information on the Internet at: [www.idf.il](http://www.idf.il) Mordechai, interviewed on Channel 2 Friday night, repeatedly stressed that Israel wanted to remain outside of the current conflict.

Mordechai said that Israel is preparing for the remote possibility of an Iraqi attack from a severely limited number of hidden missiles. He said that Israel was determined to defend its citizens.

Still he dodged questions on whether Israel would retaliate for any attack. "Our power is known," Mordechai said. "We will decide when the time comes what our response will be. We want to be out of the conflict and our might is known to anyone who has to know."

Speaking before the apparent diplomatic resolution of the Iraqi crisis when there was a strong belief that the US forces would strike at Saddam, Mordechai said he understood that Israel would not receive advance warning of a US attack.

"We are preparing for a situation in which... there will be a surprise," Mordechai said, adding that Washington would send "some sort of signals." The defense establishment decided last week to significantly boost the distribution of gas masks because of signals it received from Washington, Mordechai said.

Even before the Iraqi crisis began, the IAF has been monitoring the eastern horizon and its Scud-busting Patriot missile batteries have been on a perpetual state of alert.

Shortly after last February's Iraqi crisis the Air Force deployed the Green Pine radar and Patriot defense systems are linked up to the ballistic missile-tracking radar.

The Green Pine was designed and built for the Arrow 2 missile interceptor which is expected to be deployed in mid-1999.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) David Ivry, the former OC Air Force and currently Mordechai's top security adviser, said over the weekend that Israel had asked that the delivery of US Patriot missiles to reinforce Israeli defenses be delayed.

"If Patriots are brought here," Ivry said in a Channel 2 broadcast yesterday. "It means we are once again a little more involved in the conflict, when one of our aims is not to be involved in the conflict." He added that the decision could quickly be changed. Defense officials have said that the US Patriot batteries are in Europe and could be airlifted here quickly.

## Text of Iraq's letter to UN promising compliance

H.E. Mr. Kofi A. Annan,  
The Secretary General of The  
United Nations  
New York.

Excellency: Your letter dated 13/11/1998 addressed to President Saddam Hussein was presented to a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and the National Command of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party presided over by His Excellency the President. I was entrusted with the task of conveying to you the following: 1. The goal sought by Iraq from its decisions of 5 August and 31 October was not to sever the relationship with UNSCOM and the IAEA and to cease the implementation of its obligations... under section C of SCR 687. The objective of Iraq is to end the suffering of its embargoed people and to see the implementation of paragraph 22 of SCR 687 as a first step for lifting the other sanctions.

2. Due to its trust in you and your

good faith, the Government of Iraq has dealt with your initiative regarding the comprehensive review. But unfortunately, the deliberations of the Council on the procedures for carrying out the review did not result in a clear picture which ensures fairness and objectivity in reaching the implementation of Paragraph (22) of resolution 687, which represents the declared objective of the comprehensive review according to your proposal. It is well known that the main reason for that was the American position, which does not represent the prevailing opinion of the Council.

That position, contrary to your initiative, objected continuously to the presentation of any clarity in regard to the objective of the comprehensive review.

3. Despite the assurances that we have received from you and from many members of the Council that supported the main objective of the comprehensive review, and despite the confidence we have in you and

in the majority of the Council members and our belief in your good faith and sincerity, those assurances were not satisfactory because they did not meet the basics from our point (of) view.

On the basis of what was stated in your letter, and in appreciation of the content of the letter of President Boris Yeltsin the President of the Russian Federation and Mr. Yevgeny Primakov the prime minister of the Russian Federation, and the positive positions expressed and conveyed to us by China, France, Brazil, and other states, and in order to give a further chance to achieve justice by lifting sanctions commencing with the implementation of paragraph (22) of resolution 687 (1991), the Leadership of Iraq decided to resume working with the Special Commission and the IAEA and to allow them to perform their normal duties in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and on the basis of the principles which were agreed

upon in the Memorandum of Understanding signed with you on 23 February 1998.

We offer this chance not out of fear of the aggressive American campaign and the threat to commit a new aggression against Iraq, but as an expression of our feeling of responsibility, and in response to your appeal and those of our friends. We affirm that the people of Iraq would not relinquish their legitimate right in having the iniquitous embargo lifted and to live normally like other nations of the world. We will be looking forward to seeing the outcome of your efforts and the review.

Excellency, we rightly believe that if the comprehensive review were not to be a mere formality and to be free from the influences of the tendentious purposes, the adoption of the points we conveyed yesterday, 13/11/1998, to the Ambassadors of Russia, France, and China, a copy of which I enclose herewith, will render the

review serious, fair and fruitful.

We expect that you will continue with your efforts to lay down the basis and the correct procedures for the review and so as to commence with as soon as possible.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Tariq Aziz,  
Baghdad,  
14 November 1998.

(AP)

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Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat are to meet today in their capacity as heads of the interim committees steering group, and most of the committees are expected to convene this week - including the anti-incitement committee, which will be meeting for the first time.

In addition, the Palestinian airport in Rafah is due to open towards the end of the week, and preparations for the final status talks are to continue.

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon is planning to travel to the US at the end of this month to hold meetings at the State Department about the framework for these talks.

The Palestinians also expect the release of some 250 prisoners from Israeli jails, but the government has made it clear that this will only happen after it receives confirmation that the first group of 10 listed fugitives have been arrested and imprisoned by the PA.

Netanyahu's special adviser for foreign affairs, Uzi Arad, is to travel to Egypt today to brief Egyptian Foreign Minister Atef Moussa on the progress being made in the

implementation process, and to explain why there are some delays, an Egyptian source said.

Meanwhile, the first redeployment - with 2 percent of area C becoming area B, and 7.1% of area B becoming area A - originally expected by tomorrow, has been postponed until after Knesset ratification, and most probably will only be carried out next week.

The ministerial map committee, in the meantime, which has been entrusted with the job of evaluating the redeployment maps, is to meet with representatives of settler groups today.

Most of the representatives have

yet to see the final maps, since they boycotted a meeting with the IDF Central Command last week where the maps were to have been presented. The Palestinians are also expected to be shown the redeployment maps for the first time this week.

During his meeting with Ross, Arafat brought up the question of the building at Har Homa and the intention to pave 13 new bypass roads. Netanyahu told Arafat of the decision during a phone conversation Friday and Arafat registered his displeasure.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

## CHILE

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She said the Israeli Embassy in Chile had been "incredibly helpful" and the staff there had done everything possible to assist.

"The ambassador telephoned me personally to say that the boys had

been found and were safe and physically fine," she said.

"They also tried to arrange a conference call so that I would be able to speak to Itamar in hospital, but it didn't work out for technical reasons."

"We, all four parents, are also very proud of the boys themselves and the way they found the inner

reserves and resources and strength to keep them going. It was their friendship that helped them to survive. Itamar doesn't speak in the first person. He says "we" all the time and how they kept each other going."

Itamar and Tomer are now recuperating at a holiday home in Fuquon before deciding whether

to continue with their trip once they have fully recovered.

"We are not going to tell them to come home. It has been a traumatic experience for them but its like falling off a horse and getting back on again," Josanne added.

"If they came back straight away they would probably regret it."

## IRAQ

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British officials struck a cautious note yesterday. Blair said that Aziz's letter "appears to promise" resumption of weapons inspections, but that the letter is ambiguous as to whether the inspectors can return without conditions.

"The Iraqi position has to be unconditional, not hedged about, not confused, not subject to this point or that point - unconditional,"

he said. "Compliance with the agreement must be absolute."

"We can't have a situation where there is confusion as to the terms upon which the inspectors do their work," he said. "In the meantime, our forces remain on alert to the possibility of military action without further warning."

In Moscow, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Posuvalyuk hailed the Iraqi pledge and said Moscow played a decisive role in Baghdad's change in position.

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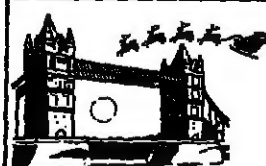
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## 'Jews more likely to develop colon cancer'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jews, especially Ashkenazim, are more likely to suffer from chronic inflammatory bowel diseases than any other ethnic group. These conditions greatly increase the risk of developing colon cancer.

This was disclosed at the Third Conference of the Israel Colon and Rectal Surgical Society, which opened Thursday at a Dead Sea hotel.

Dr. Yoel Seifan, secretary of the society, said that Crohn's disease - a chronic, incurable condition of the intestine - and inflamed ulcers in the large intestine, are the most common manifestations of chronic inflammatory bowel diseases. The ulcers can be relieved only by surgically removing the entire colon. Early diagnosis of these conditions is critical, he added.

Every year, about 2,000 cases of colon cancer are diagnosed in Israel. If caught early, 80% to

100% of the patients can be cured, but if not, only 30% to 50% survive.

Seifan said it is not known why the conditions are most common among Jews, who comprise 70% of all cases around the world.

The number of colon cancer patients in Israel is steadily increasing.

More than a hundred surgical specialists from here and abroad are attending the conference, and they are holding discussions of advanced treatment techniques.

Among the lecturers is Prof. John Nicholas of England, who developed a surgical technique allowing the entire colon to be removed while preserving the muscles of the anus; this greatly improves the quality of life of the patient.

The Israeli society, founded four years ago, has 120 members who are senior surgeons and gastroenterologists specializing in diseases of the colon, rectum and anus.

## Missions fill capital hotels despite Gulf tension

By HAIM SHAPIRO

It's mid-November, the tourist low season, the US State Department has warned its citizens not to travel to Israel, but hotels in Jerusalem are bursting at the seams, thanks to the Jewish Agency's General Assembly.

"Our hotel is fully booked and I think that all over town hotels are full," said Ronald van Wezel, director of operations at the luxurious new Jerusalem Hilton, which overlooks the Jaffa Gate and the Old City.

Van Wezel said it was not just the General Assembly, but many missions and conferences, all arranged by Jewish groups, which were filling hotels in the capital.

These were guests who would not cancel, he said, adding that after waves of cancellations in the wake of sudden tension, there were surges of new reservations when the difficult period ended.

Rico Rosenthal, manager of the Renaissance Hotel, host to such events as the World Zionist Organization Executive meeting and that of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors and the World Jewish Congress, noted that the hotel has had 100 percent occupancy for most of November.

"No one left (before their scheduled departure)," he said, expressing the view that even if anything does happen in the next few days, the General Assembly delegates will not just pick up and leave.

## Swiss anxious over D'Amato Knesset award

By MARILYN HENRY

The Swiss government is concerned about the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on November 25, because the Knesset is honoring outgoing US Senator Al D'Amato, the newspaper *Basler Zeitung* reported at week's end.

This Tuesday, D'Amato - along with World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman, New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, and Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat - are scheduled to get "courage and honor" awards in a Knesset ceremony for their work in winning a \$1.25 billion settlement from the Swiss banks.

There was a Swiss-Israeli diplomatic flap in September, when Bern took offense at a letter Netanyahu wrote congratulating the WJC for helping to recover Holocaust victims' wealth. Swiss officials were angered, saying that Netanyahu had

distanced himself from the WJC's aggressive efforts to get compensation from Switzerland for hoarding Holocaust-era assets.

D'Amato, a Republican senator from New York, was defeated earlier this month in his reelection bid. He lost the crucial Jewish vote after using a Yiddish slur against his Jewish opponent, Charles Schumer, and was attacked for exploiting the Holocaust to woo Jewish voters.

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# Emergency panel slams NACOEJ, promises to help Quara, Gondar Jews

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Attempts will continue to bring Ethiopian Jews from the Quara and Gondar regions here who are eligible to immigrate under the Law of Return, and a timetable will be created to ensure their speedy arrival, a special emergency team decided Friday.

In the meantime, volunteer groups working in Ethiopia were asked to provide humanitarian aid to those in Gondar and Quara eligible to immigrate, but to refrain from creating new concentrations of people, such as the Addis Ababa compound. Joint Distribution Committee officials were also asked not to work in the compound, so they do not join those encouraging Falash Mura to come to Addis Ababa, a team statement said.

The meeting was held to deal with the situation posed by the arrival at the Addis Ababa compound of thousands of Falash Mura in recent months, most of them after they were encouraged to go to Addis Ababa by representatives of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ), Absorption Ministry officials said, in violation of an earlier agreement on the matter.

Absorption Ministry spokesman Yehuda Glick said after the meeting that the emergency team - which included MK Adisu Massala, Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein - had agreed to strongly condemn the actions of NACOEJ and other organizations operating on their own in Ethiopia without



From left, MK Adisu Massala (Labor), Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein (both Yisrael Ba'aliya) consider the Falash Mura problem at Friday's emergency meeting at the Knesset.

Israeli government approval. Glick said the Chief Rabbinate also announced at the meeting that Rabbi Eliezer Waldman no longer has permission to work in Ethiopia in the name of the Rabbinate, and that his conversions would not be accepted by the rabbinate.

Glick said that last year, when the government decided to close down the compound, NACOEJ officials promised to stop their work in Addis Ababa and help with the absorption of the Ethiopian immigrants in Israel.

"What happened is that they have

been spreading propaganda throughout the United States about the remaining 20,000 Falash Mura around Ethiopia, to bring them to Israel also.

"Those Falash Mura are not eligible under the Law of Return, and we had made a special operation to

bring those in the compound at Addis Ababa, because we felt that the government of Israel had some kind of responsibility to take care of the ones who were there already. Everyone had agreed that there would be no more bringing people from Addis Ababa, and we'd concentrate on those from Quara and Gondar. NACOEJ broke their promise and started encouraging Falash Mura to come to Addis Ababa.

Glick said some 8,000 Falash Mura are now at the Addis Ababa compound.

In the document, the team members reaffirmed the government's previous decision to close down the compound in June, and said that "the government takes a grave view of the efforts by irresponsible elements to reopen the compound. The government believes this poses a social, emotional, and physical danger, and calls on those groups to stand by their commitments and help it in the complex process of absorbing Ethiopian Jews in Israel."

Bringing additional people to Israel who are not eligible according to the Law of Return only hurts those Ethiopian Jews already here, community leaders said at the meeting, according to the spokesman.

The spokesman said the team had also decided to form a special information unit, to be headed by the Foreign Ministry and including Ethiopian immigrants, to explain the severe damage being created by the organizations working on their own in Ethiopia.

The statement issued by the team also said the government will work through the authorized channels to solve the conversion and other problems related to the personal standing of the immigrants.

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## NEWS

in brief

## Police question Hanegbi under caution

Police questioned Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi under caution for some five hours on Friday regarding funds he allegedly received from Derech Tzalah, a non-profit organization which he headed. Hanegbi allegedly received NIS 150,000 from the group between 1994 and 1996, in violation of a law prohibiting MKs from moonlighting. Hanegbi is expected to be questioned again this week. *Jim*

## Police search for rapist who struck in Bat Yam

A 20-year-old woman from Bat Yam was raped yesterday afternoon inside her house. Police said the assailant accosted the woman, entered the house with her, and raped her, using threats to coerce her. The woman submitted a complaint to police and the matter is being investigated. Police are checking whether the rapist is the same person responsible for the attempted rape of a 27-year-old woman in Tel Aviv before dawn. In that incident, the assailant ran away after passersby responded to a cry for help. *Jim*

## Student hunger strike enters second week

A renewal of talks between the Finance Ministry and striking university students is expected today, a student spokesman said last night, after attempts over the weekend by Beit Hanassi Director-General Arye Shumer failed to end the strike. The strike – in which the students are seeking a 50 percent tuition cut, additional student loans, and more dormitories – is now in its fourth week; the hunger strike was launched a week ago. A hunger striker collapsed yesterday opposite the prime minister's residence and was taken to the hospital. On Friday, the students met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who promised his support. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

## IAF planes strike at Hizbullah targets

IAF warplanes attacked suspected guerrilla hideouts in south Lebanon yesterday, the seventh attack in as many days, security officials in Lebanon said. Two IAF jets fired two missiles at the village of Sujud in Iqlim al-Tuffah, a Hizbullah stronghold that faces the security zone, the officials said.

There was no immediate word on casualties from the 6:45 a.m. air raid. IAF planes have raided suspected bases of Hizbullah daily since November 8. *AP*

## Peres to head VW fund for WWII slave laborers

Former prime minister Shimon Peres will head the administration of a DM 20 million (NIS 52 million) fund that Volkswagen established in September as a "moral gesture" to compensate World War II slave laborers, the company announced Friday. Peres met in Berlin with the other administrators, former Austrian chancellor Franz Vranitzky and former German president Richard von Weizsäcker. VW would not indicate the amount of individual payments, which it called "humanitarian aid," but a source told news agencies that each payment would be about DM 10,000 (NIS 26,000). *Marilyn Henry*

## Jordanians celebrate Hussein's recovery from cancer, birthday

By JAMAL HALABY

AMMAN (AP) – Jordanians yesterday took a break from the crisis over neighboring Iraq, rejoicing on King Hussein's birthday by slaughtering sheep in thanksgiving sacrifice for his recovery from cancer.

Hussein, who turned 63, said he was cured from non-Hodgkins lymphoma in chemotherapy treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

"Chemotherapy is over and, thank God, there is no trace of the lymphoma," Hussein told the state-run Jordan Television from his hospital bed.

But, he added, Mayo physicians are planning a marrow transplant to ensure that no traces of lymphoma may recur. He did not elaborate.

"It's a fiesta," said Mohammed Kilani, while raising a flag on the entrance of his souvenir shop in downtown Amman.

"It takes us away from the puzzle of who will win the match – Saddam or Clinton," he added, referring to the US standoff with Iraq over UN weapons inspectors.

"God willing, I will be amongst you in the near future," the longest serving Arab ruler, in power 46 years, told his countrymen.

Hussein has been in the US since July 14, the longest time he has been away from home – activating a largely idle constitutional clause which requires a parliamentary debate on the absence.

The formality will be met at a special session by both houses of Parliament on Thursday, but it is unlikely that the legislature will go beyond praising the king.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Jordanians swarmed the streets of the capital Amman, waving Jordanian flags, Hussein's portraits and chanting: "Our blood and soul we sacrifice for you, Hussein."

The government declared a two-



Crown Prince Hassan waves to crowds in front of a giant portrait of King Hussein yesterday as Jordanians paraded in Amman to celebrate the king's 63rd birthday and apparent recovery from cancer. (Reuters)

day national holiday to mark the celebrations, which include fireworks, folklore dances and a skiing competition.

Private and government offices throughout the kingdom decorated their buildings with flashing lights,

life-size portraits of Hussein and Jordanian flags.

Cars decorated with Hussein's pictures and flags honked their horns, jet fighters whizzed the skies and military helicopters hovered over the city with banners wishing

Hussein well.

In the bustling, narrow streets of downtown Amman, shopkeepers offered sweets and soft drinks to passersby while crowds gathered to chant slogans lauding the king.

In the suburbs, hundreds of people gathered in public parks

throughout the city where loudspeakers blared "Hashmi, Hashmi" – a popular Jordanian song honoring King Hussein's descent from Hashmi, the grandfather of Islam's Prophet Mohammed.

## UK chief rabbi walks into controversy over Prince Charles' Friday night party

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – Britain's Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks was at the center of another communal controversy this weekend over his decision to accept an invitation from Queen Elizabeth to attend a reception marking the 50th birthday of Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace on Friday evening.

Sacks, who made the 30-minute journey on foot from the Marble Arch synagogue in London's West End to the palace, defended his decision on the grounds that it was established protocol for chief rabbis

to accept direct royal invitations. He said it was a "mitzva" to express "the loyalty of the Jewish community to the nation and the head of state."

While conceding that "the importance of keeping Shabbat together with the family is fundamental," he said, "We only make an exception [for the] expression of Jewish loyalty to the country and its head of state."

As chief rabbi, he said, he would "always accept invitations from the queen on state occasions."

"Prince Charles has long been a friend of the Jewish community and recently showed his support by attending a service to mark Israel's 50th anniversary," Sacks added.

He had planned to be at the palace only long enough to "pay his respects" to the royal family and then leave to spend the rest of the Sabbath with his wife.

"Buckingham Palace has been

marvelous in understanding the limitations," he said.

One leading member of the Jewish community said he believed that Sacks had made "a big error." Even friends of his, and that includes me, believe he has made a serious misjudgment. Some would say it smacks of vanity. I think it will damage him."

Communal concern also has been expressed in a stream of letters to the editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.

"If the chief rabbi finds it possible to attend Prince Charles' birthday party on a Friday night, how can one possibly expect one's children to accept that Friday night as Shabbat is sacrosanct?" Sheila Goldsmith asked.

"I would never contemplate attending a function and leaving my wife on a Friday night," Ronald Michaels wrote. "I believe that we are taught to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Added Simon Leigh: "No one questions the chief rabbi's observance of the laws of Shabbat... It is his approach to the spirit of Shabbat that is in question."

Fewer questions were asked of a teenage pop band, *Alive*, which was invited to perform at the palace reception.

The invitation came after Andy Ross, vocalist, lead guitarist and one of the two Jewish members of the four-boy group, wrote to the queen offering the band's services and enclosing a CD of its performing.

In his letter, Ross, aged 16, described members of the group as "four good lads who don't do drugs, aren't scruffy and don't use foul language."

The palace agreed to supply kosher meals for the two Jewish members of *Alive*, as well as for Ross's father, Peter, who manages the group.

## Reform proposes return to ritual

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – The Reform Movement's rabbinical wing, in a radical proposal that would reverse a century of belief and practice, is circulating a draft platform of "10 principles" that would encourage a return to ritual and also calls for aliya and equal rights in Israel.

The platform, if adopted in June by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, would embrace some of the traditional practices

rejected by the Reform movement more than a century ago.

"What may seem outdated in one age may be redemptive in another," according to CCAR president Rabbi Richard Levy, who drafted the proposed principles in consultation with the CCAR's executive board and membership.

However, the platform reaffirms the Reform movement's most controversial position: "openness to Jews from patrilineal and other non-traditional backgrounds."

The platform – certain to gener-

ate controversy and tension within the movement – urges Reform Jews to "bring holiness into their lives" and to consider "observing" Shabbat and dietary laws, wearing kippot and tallitot, and using the mikveh for "periodic experiences of purification."

It also supports the use of Hebrew, saying that God endowed the language with a particular measure of holiness and that "Hebrew binds us to Jews in every land, and especially to our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel."

## NRP expected to defer early-elections vote

By SARAH HONG

The National Religious Party's central committee convenes this afternoon for a session that could decide whether the government will survive and how long, but insiders predict that, after a heated debate, the decision will be deferred to a later date.

Topping the agenda at the committee meeting in Ramat Gan will

be whether the party's nine MKs will be authorized to vote for pending early-election bills.

The NRP Knesset faction is split, with Education Minister Yitzhak Levy heading those who want elections advanced. With him are MKs Hanan Porat, Nissan Solomiansky, Zvi Hendel, and Yigal Bibi. Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom argues that, despite his opposition to the Wye agree-

ment, this government is the lesser of all evils. He is backed by MKs Shmuryahu Ben-Tzur, Eli Gabbai, and Avner Shaki.

Levy has proposed a compromise whereby the vote on the bills would be put off for six weeks. Yahalom says he doesn't oppose the postponement, but only on condition the NRP does not today authorize its Knesset faction to support the early-elections bill.

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# Clinton, Jones settle for \$850,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton has agreed to pay Paula Jones \$850,000 to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit — with no apology or admission of guilt — ending the four-year legal battle that spurred the impeachment proceedings against him.

"Let the impeachment hearings begin. We want out of it," Jones' husband, Steven Jones, told reporters Friday outside his Long Beach, California, condominium. "Paying a substantial amount of money makes a statement on its own. This is Paula's reputation that we were fighting for. This has nothing to do with an ax to grind with Bill Clinton," Jones said.

Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett said the president "remains certain" that Jones' allegations were baseless, but wanted to get the dispute behind him.

"The president has decided he is not prepared to spend one more hour on this matter," Bennett said.

The settlement that he reached with California attorney Bill McMillan, a Jones family friend, says Clinton will pay Jones within 60 days and requires both parties to "unconditionally release each other and representatives in connection with any claims" stemming from the lawsuit.

"Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to be an admission of liability or wrongdoing by any party," the lawyers' signed agreement said.

Nearly half of the payment would come from Chubb Group Insurance, a legal source familiar with the case said. For a lump sum of roughly \$400,000, Chubb was buying out the president's personal liability policy, which had been paying his Jones-related legal bills, the source said.

The balance could be drawn from Clinton's Legal Expense Trust, which contains donations of at least \$1 million. Trust administrator Peter Lavalley said that as of



Paula Jones

(Reuters)

Friday evening he had not been contacted about any such request.

A source familiar with the final Clinton-Jones negotiations said the deal was clinched only after McMillan's belated involvement in the talks and Jones' promise to dissociate herself from a New York real estate businessman who offered her \$1 million if she set-

tled the case.

McMillan, the husband of Jones' longtime friend and spokeswoman Susan Carpenter McMillan, approached Bennett on Thursday on behalf of the rest of Jones' legal team with the \$850,000 figure, the source said.

On Friday, McMillan presented Bennett with a letter stating that the \$1 million offer from Abe Hirschfeld was "off the table," allaying the Clinton camp's concerns about the flamboyant businessman, and the deal was signed by the lawyers hours later, the source said.

Jones, who backed away in the past when a settlement seemed near, was in full agreement with the deal, McMillan said.

Susan Carpenter McMillan, in New York with Jones for a television interview, said her husband called at 5 p.m. to say the agreement had been reached. Jones cried and said, "It's over, I'm glad," she said.

"Paula is tickled to death. She's ecstatic, as happy as any one individual can be," her husband said in Long Beach.

It was Clinton's sworn deposition for the Jones case that led to the impeachment hearings that begin next week in the House Judiciary Committee.

Under questioning by Jones' lawyers in January, Clinton denied having sexual relations with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr alleges that Clinton lied under oath in the Jones deposition and otherwise obstructed justice by trying to keep his affair with Lewinsky secret.

Jones alleged Clinton, as Arkansas governor, made a crude advance in a room at a Little Rock hotel. Clinton has denied her accusation, and her lawsuit was dismissed last spring. An appeal of that dismissal had been pending.

## WORLD

in brief

### Brazil gets \$41 billion-plus IMF bailout

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The International Monetary Fund and rich industrial nations on Friday pledged more than \$41 billion in loans to shore up Brazil's faltering economy, hoping to avert an Asia-style financial meltdown in Latin America.

Of that total, \$37 billion would be available to Brazil if needed within the next 12 months. The fund's own contribution will come to \$18 billion, with the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank chipping in \$4.5 billion each. The IMF's bailout of South Korea last year totalled \$58 billion.

### Turkish general warns of Cyprus confrontation

NICOSIA (Reuters) — Turkey's deputy chief of staff warned yesterday of confrontation on Cyprus if the Greek Cypriot government deploys Russian-made anti-aircraft missiles, the Turkish Cypriot TAK news agency said.

"All weapons... brought to the [Greek Cypriot] south of the island can only remain until the start of a confrontation on the island," the agency quoted Gen. Hilmi Ozkok as saying.

Turkey has said it would act against the deployment and Greece warned this could be a cause for war. Yesterday's warning came ahead of joint Turkish-Turkish Cypriot military maneuvers this week on the Turkish-held northern section of the island and in the Eastern Mediterranean.

### US extends more aid to victims of Mitch

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton yesterday announced new steps to aid countries devastated by Hurricane Mitch, including an extra \$45 million to expand the Pentagon's relief and reconstruction efforts.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton also said he had asked Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to find the best way to provide debt relief and emergency financial aid.

The US Immigration and Naturalization Service will also extend its stay of deportation for nationals from Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala — the four nations which bore the brunt of floods and mudslides spawned by Mitch — through December, Clinton said.

### Fund would let poor nations fight global warming

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Plans to slow global warming are on track after developed countries clinched support yesterday for action to curb emissions of heat-trapping gases by promising to pay for a fund for poorer countries to adapt environmentally friendly technology.

Marathon filibustering by China, India and Saudi Arabia finally ended at dawn. The two-week-long UN climate conference set a deadline of the end of 2000 for agreeing on final details of mechanisms for industrial nations to keep the promise they made in Kyoto, Japan, last year to cut their emissions of greenhouse gases.

### Reagan's grandson arrested in car theft case

LOS ANGELES (Los Angeles Times) — Former president Ronald Reagan's grandson pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of breaking into two cars and theft of a variety of electronic and personal items. Police approached Cameron Reagan, 20, son of Michael Reagan, after they saw him and another man acting suspiciously around some parked cars, according to Deputy District Attorney John Spillane. Reagan was charged with burglarizing two cars parked on nearby streets. A co-defendant, Chris Lopez, also 20, was allegedly carrying stolen property when they were spotted by police.

## Starr indicts Hubbell

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he prepares to face hostile questioning in the House impeachment inquiry, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is coming up with a few unpleasant surprises for President Bill Clinton.

Starr obtained an indictment accusing presidential friend Webster Hubbell of committing 15 felonies in order to conceal his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's work on failed Arkansas land deals that benefited Hubbell's father-in-law, Little Rock businessman Seth Ward.

Starr also turned over new evidence for House investigators to decide whether they should expand the impeachment inquiry to include allegations against Clinton by former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey.

Democrats were furious at Starr's developments.

Starr is engaging in "a transparent attempt to change the subject" of "the Judiciary [Committee] hearings next week," said Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

As the first witness in the impeachment inquiry, Starr will undergo questioning Thursday from committee Democrats about his aggressive pursuit of the Monica Lewinsky investigation last January before getting formal approval from the Justice Department.

Starr's transmittal allows the House committee to determine whether Willey's allegation of an unwelcome sexual advance by the president should be included in the inquiry, said sources familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Starr has been investigating whether Clinton lied under oath when he denied making a crude sexual advance toward Willey during a 1993 encounter in the Oval Office, and whether others tried to intimidate the former White House volunteer after she went public with her allegations.

The material sent to the House is testimony from key witnesses and other evidence from the Willey investigation that had been left out of Starr's earlier referral, which accused Clinton of 11 offenses that the prosecutor contends are impeachable. Willey and several of her friends testified before Starr's grand jury.

The Hubbell indictment holds potential peril for Hillary Clinton. The 40-page indictment refers to her three dozen times, saying that Hubbell lied about his own and the first lady's actions at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock on behalf of the Clintons' Whitewater investment partners, Jim and Susan McDougal.

Hubbell decried the charges as a vendetta for his failure to provide any incriminating evidence about the first family to Whitewater prosecutors.

"I do not know of any wrongdoing on behalf of the first lady and president and nothing the independent counsel can do to me is going to make me lie about them," Hubbell said.

The indictment cited a mid-1980s real estate development in Arkansas called Castle Grande that was funded by the McDougals' Savings and Loan.

"Legal work performed on" Castle Grande "was performed by defendant Webster L. Hubbell" and other attorneys, including "the 1985-1986 Rose billing attorney," the indictment said.

Hubbell, the Justice Department's former No. 3 official, is accused in the new indictment of lying to Congress during the 1995 Whitewater hearings. The other charges include fraud, false statements and corruptly impeding federal regulators. Hubbell pleaded guilty in 1994 to tax evasion and mail fraud for stealing from his law firm and served 21 months in prison.

He was indicted anew by Starr this spring on tax-evasion charges that were later dismissed by a judge.



Indonesian rioters and protesters burn and loot goods from shops yesterday.

(Reuters)

## Indonesia wracked by rioting

JAKARTA (AP) — Mobs set buildings afire, overturned cars, looted shops, and attacked police officers across the Indonesian capital yesterday while 20,000 protesters escalated their pro-democracy campaign and marched peacefully on Parliament.

The massive protest came despite the death of at least 14 people during the past two days when the military opened fire on students repeatedly trying to reach the legislature.

Hundreds more were injured in the worst violence in Jakarta since

riots and protests ousted then-President Suharto in May.

Ignoring demands that he quit, Suharto's successor and onetime protégé, President B.J. Habibie, went on national television and called for calm.

He accused protesters of wanting to "overthrow" his government and "endanger the unity of the nation and the people." At an emergency cabinet meeting, Habibie ordered his military chief, Gen. Wiranto, to restore order.

State Secretary Akbar Tanjung said Habibie "fully trusts" Wiranto

to take stern action against lawbreakers.

Police have summoned several pro-democracy activists for questioning, legal aid lawyers said. Hariadi Darmawan, head of the University of Indonesia Alumni Association, was being interrogated yesterday, association members said.

Jakarta military chief Maj. Gen. Djadja Suparman urged the city's 11 million residents to stay at home after 10 pm for the next few nights. No formal curfew would be imposed, he said.



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## Get rid of Saddam Hussein

The United States may be able to claim the threat of massive force made Saddam Hussein back down and thus remove the need for force (if this turns out to be the case.) But it has been 100 days since the United Nations inspectors ceased hunting for illegal Iraqi weapons, Saddam has injected another useless crisis into world affairs, and even if he does back down at the last minute, the climb-down in Washington will be no less.

It is next to useless trying to fathom the workings of Saddam's devious mind - he may not even be rational - but the suspension of the UN Special Commission's work at the very least has given him almost four months in which to relocate and hide the forbidden chemical and biological agents the inspectors were hunting. His cynical and costly manipulation of world powers and organizations has now exasperated even those who are soft on easing the UN sanctions, such as Russia and China; and this time, unlike the last crisis in February, the silence from the Arab world has been deafening.

It may be that Saddam calculated President Bill Clinton would emerge further weakened by the mid-term elections in the US. He clearly misread the willingness of the United States to use deadly force, as well as the extent to which even Iraq's friends are thoroughly fed up with him.

That would explain the hasty and unconditional pledge to cooperate with the UN which deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz delivered yesterday, only a day after the same Aziz gave a rambling and defiant press conference to the

world media, saying the crisis was all Washington's fault and that Iraqis no longer care whether they die by starvation or by American bombs.

Analyzing Iraqi intentions now is a thoroughly futile exercise - the world community knows Saddam lies as frequently and as glibly as he shoots opponents. There is only one solution to the Saddam problem: his removal. Despite eight years of pointless debate and allocation of funds by Congress, it is here that the failure of the United States and the Iraqi opposition stands most nakedly exposed at its most abject. Saddam will never give up power, indeed he plans to hand it on to an even more insane and dangerous heir, his son Uday. He will never give up the warmongering with which he has ravaged Iraq, Iran, and Kuwait from the day he gained power. He will never give up seeking to build weapons of mass destruction to feed a megalomania which is near Hitlerian in its irrationality.

Saddam is a threat to humanity as well as to his neighbors and to peace and stability everywhere. He and his criminal gang of cronies are 10 times more deserving of arrest and trial for crimes against the world community than any Chilean or Serbian generals. This nonsensical game of lies, demands, crises, and bluster has gone on for long enough. It is impossible to believe that if the will were truly there, the US and its allies and the Iraqi opposition do not have the combined brains and resources to get rid of this rotten, deadly regime, finally and forever.

## Too much hot air

Tortuous negotiations, insults, accusations, and marathon delaying tactics have made the World Climate Conference in Buenos Aires painful to watch. Under the shadow of Hurricane Mitch further to the north, and its reminder that more disastrously savage weather may be the result of global warming caused by industrial emissions, failed to inject much sense of urgency into the squabbling environment ministers from 180 countries. The two-week conference is trying to put some teeth into last year's Kyoto conference, at which world states promised to curb emissions of the greenhouse gases, but declined to come up with figures and timetables.

Buenos Aires may bring some modest advances - frustrating because of the amount of work that it is taking to produce them, but better than nothing for a world that may be sliding complacently to climatic disaster. Much of the wrangling and delay at the conference has been led by Saudi Arabia, which wants to halt the entire effort to fight global warming because it fears huge losses if restrictions on fossil fuels are implemented.

The main row simmering in the background and occasionally exploding has been between the United States and representatives of the emerging nations. The US insists that these

countries take on serious commitments to fight global warming before the Kyoto treaty is sent for ratification to the Senate. Poorer countries, vocally represented by India and China, say their priority is to feed their people and environmental tinkering is a hobby for rich nations. The developed countries offered them some consolation yesterday by promising to fund environmentally friendly technology and emissions tracking stations.

The most important anomaly in the discussions was laid to rest earlier when the US finally agreed to sign the Kyoto pact. As the greatest producer by far of the greenhouse gases that fuel climate change, the US was the last major developed country refusing even to sign the Kyoto agreement. The Kyoto agreement gave 2012 as the deadline for the major industrial nations to cut their greenhouse gases by 5 percent below 1990 levels.

But where concerned governments so far have failed most seriously is in translating the bureaucratic and scientific output of these conferences into something meaningful to ordinary people. Until everyone can be told how they can help with the battle in their homes and businesses, the fight against global warming is going to remain mostly hot air.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PROTEST THE PROTESTS

Sir, - I am a resident of Rehavia and I am planning a protest at the Prime Minister's residence. I call upon my neighbors to join me in my protest against protests.

On my walk home from Super-Sol this evening, I was stopped and questioned by a soldier. I thought I might have to bribe him with the Ben & Jerry's "chunky monkey" I had just purchased, but he let me pass with a mere Snickers bar. I counted myself lucky and felt great sorrow for my neighbors who may not be walking home with good bartering items.

As odd as this may sound, toilet me to enlist, but he also gave me his blessing. I am one of many who served my full time and still regularly do reserve duty.

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paper may be the best bartering item for bribing the soldiers. Several of them were taking turns relieving themselves in our front yards and driveways and I doubt many of them had thought ahead to bring tissue. If my protest against protests fails, I recommend installing public bathrooms at the Prime Minister's residence.

(In reality, I didn't need to bribe anyone, but I hope my sarcasm has communicated.)

Jerusalem.

BENJAMIN WOLD

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ELCHANAN GEFFEN

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### PALESTINIAN STATE

Sir, - Two things worry me about the free, uncontrolled use of an airport in Palestinian territory.

The first is, what will be Israel's reaction when, rather than if, a plane loaded with explosives takes the short hop from Gaza to crash into Tel Aviv with the resultant loss of life.

My second worry is that no one seems to have taken into account that this scenario is a distinct possibility.

My solution, given that the declaration of statehood by the Palestinians at a future date as stated by Arafat, is to preempt them. Declare them a state on terms we can live with, and treat them as a foreign power with all the responsibilities that go with it.

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"Make my day, America!"

## Try Jewish literacy

DAVID WEINBERG

One key approach to repairing the fraying Israel-Diaspora relationship doesn't find much of an echo on this week's grand CIF/JIA General Assembly (GA) program. A renewed commitment to the study of Jewish heritage: Jewish literacy as the bond between Americans and Israelis.

To understand what I mean, take a look back at the roots of the widening gap between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

American Jewish experts will explain that Israel is not the utopian dream of yesterday, no longer romantic enough to capture the imagination of the masses, or serve as an identity builder for youth.

The state's politics have changed, grown complicated and darker. Sephardim, religious Jews and the Right have taken the driver's seat - and they don't exactly share all the liberal values of American Jews.

Israel's rabbis, they'll also tell you, effectively have impugned the Jewishness of American Jews.

Moreover, Israeli leaders themselves have taken the wind out of American Jewry's Israel-identification sails by telling them Israel no longer needs American Jewish communal lobbying (Yitzhak Rabin), *hasbara* efforts (Shimon Peres) or philanthropy (Yossi Beilin). Binyamin Netanyahu welcomes the assistance mainly if it fits his political agenda. And in the final analysis, Israel is no longer "victim enough" to appeal to the conscience of Diaspora Jewry. We're too secure, too prosperous.

Turn the equation around, and the average Israeli only will be too glad to explain his inordinate cynicism about those well-off Jewish brothers in America.

They're more American than Jewish, he'll bluntly tell you. Intermarrying and assimilating away. American Jews hardly ever visit here, certainly not when there is even the slightest whiff of trouble. German Christians visit in far larger numbers. Even the communal *machers* know pathetically little about our home-grown culture, arts, and literature worlds.

American Jews don't fight in our battles, don't suffer through terrorism along with us, don't pay our horrendously high taxes. Most of the money they so overwhelmingly pat themselves on the back for raising through the UJA doesn't even end up in Israel.

That's what the Israeli will say if you ask. But in general, Israelis don't expend too much time getting cynical about American Jews - they're too busy being cynical about everything at home in Israel. Consequently, the Hebrew media barely will cover the GA shindig. For the average Israeli, all the talk about "rethinking partnership," "renewing relationships," and "strengthening *Klal Yisrael*" is one big yawn.

SO what to do? The GA program suggests developing ground-level, people-to-people relationships, based on a wide spectrum of personal interest choices. If you're an environmental activist from Phoenix, meet one from Ramat Hasharon; feminists from Halifax are to link-up with their counterparts in Haifa. This fits in well with the current trend in American religious congregations towards an agenda of personal meaning - a spiritualized, individualized, pick-what-you-feel comfortable with identity formula. Wonderful, right? Not really. This personalist style makes Judaism irrelevant as an organized religion and guts the traditional Jewish emphasis on community and nationality. "I fear that it is an unreliable, false and ultimately unsustainable approach to ensuring Jewish continuity," says political sociologist Prof. Charles Liebman.

"But in strengthening the fraying Israel-Diaspora relationship we have no choice at present but to play along with what American Jewry is interested in - which is themselves."

I've got a more elemental idea, which unfortunately has little

echo on the GA program. Study. Why shouldn't Israelis and American Jews study together, plumbing the depths of centuries of rich Jewish scholarship.

Start with the Bible, Talmud, Midrash and Maimonides, along with a little contemporary Buber, Heschel, Hafeetz Haim, S.R. Hirsch, Soloveitchik, even Agnon. Imagine a joint American-Israeli global effort to study and teach Jewish business ethics, developing a curriculum to be taught in high schools.

How about a global year of study focussing on Jewish philosophical approaches to human rights and their application in the modern, nationalistic world? Or, a series of international conferences on morality and family values in Jewish tradition. Internet and real-time distance learning technologies could be harnessed in this drive for shared and basic Jewish erudition.

A revived emphasis on literacy will not erase ideological or societal differences among Jews around the globe. What it will do is create a common language. A collective consciousness of Jewish wisdom.

Take for example the relationship between myself and my hasidic relatives in America. We disagree significantly on core matters of Jewish authority, legitimacy, nationalism and personal autonomy. We belong to radically different communities.

But intelligent, respectful argument between us about ethics, *mitzvot*, modernity, lifestyle and politics is possible because we speak the same language of Jewish literacy. We study the same Rashi and Kuzari. (If you're not familiar with these two classic works - you've just proved my point.)

As a result we care about each other, the *haredi* cousins and I, and will work to ensure that a shared Shabbat table always remains possible.

So how about that? Jewish literacy and learning as a unifying force for partnership and Jewish brotherhood.

## Prescription for failure

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

February.) Which is why throughout the summer, when squeezed by Saddam, the administration quietly acquiesced by undermining the UN weapons inspectors, as we now know from Scott Ritter.

The new strategy was ostensibly a return to realism: We cannot keep Saddam from having his weapons of mass destruction, but at least we will contain and deter him from using them, as we did with the Soviet Union. And we will keep economic sanctions on Saddam as the price he pays for keeping his weapons.

This is a defeatist strategy but at least it is coherent. What is incoherent is to first choose this strategy and see it to its logical conclusion - the ultimate dismantling of the inspection regime - and then turn around and steam back into the Gulf with warships and warnings to reinstate weapons inspections.

The Clinton administration is in the exquisite position of having lost the nerve to follow through on its own policy of surrender.

Perhaps it had not anticipated how humiliating the surrender would be, with Saddam brazenly shutting down the inspections and the US standing by, impotent. The State Department must have figured that Saddam would let the US down easy and tacitly play Albright's game of leaving the inspectors in place but stripped of their ability to do any real inspecting.

Perhaps the administration thought that this state of affairs - capitulation disguised, face saved - might go on indefinitely. Well, it didn't. This is Saddam, after all. He likes to poke fingers in the eye.

EYES poked yet again, what are we to do? The administration is no doubt tempted to resort once again to its favorite policy: therapeutic aerial bombardment, as military strategist Eliot Cohen has dubbed it.

This consists, as in Sudan, Afghanistan and Iraq, of a spasm of cruise missile launches with no discernible military purpose but with the obvious psychological one of making the launcher feel good for having done something.

Of course, cruise missile diplomacy signals American unwillingness to seriously do something about a serious problem. It betrays a debilitating aversion to pursuing goals that require either risk or sustained exertion.

Which is why this time the administration must not do it again. This is not Sudan. This is Saddam. Better to do nothing than put on a demonstration bombing after which the administration declares victory and goes home.

The only coherent choice is a sustained bombing campaign that (1) targets the regime's infrastructure (Saddam's power centers, Revolutionary Guards, palaces), (2) supports rebel activity in southern Iraq, and (3) hits known chemical, biological and nuclear weapons sites.

A military response of scope, persistence and broad objective would impair Saddam's weapons program, degrade his power and encourage the indigenous resistance. It is the only plausible option. It must be that or nothing.

A hard choice for a president whose entire career has been a ballet of straddling. But at this late date - this is Round 3 - straddling is a sure prescription for failure.

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 15, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported from London the House of Commons debate on the subject of recent Arab disturbances in Palestine.

50 years ago: On November 15, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Israeli government was determined not to surrender even a single Negev position. Plasma

and medical supplies were allowed to reach the trapped Egyptians in Faluja pocket. Spitfires and light bombers were supplied by the British to Iraq through Syria.

25 years ago: On November 15, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the UN would set two checkpoints, at kilometers 101 and 130 on the Cairo-Suez road, while

Israel would retain full control over the entire section. The agreement would speed the POW exchange and supplies to the beleaguered Egyptian Third Army. A fleet of 60 25-ton trucks complete with their drivers arrived from Holland to help overcome the transport shortage resulting from the war.

Alexander Zvielli

## The big losers

DANIEL BLOCH

Analyzing the results of the municipal elections from the national perspective, we find the big winners are Shas, Yisrael Ba'aliya, and Meretz. Their victories will boost their morale and fill their coffers in preparation for the next general elections. There are also lessons to be learned from the success of many single-issue lists stressing the importance of education or environment protection.

Their success proves that, apart from the *haredi* voter and the nationalistic fanatics, the majority of voters in the next general elections will be paying attention not only to the great political issues of peace and security, but to a large extent to social problems and questions concerning education and our quality of life. Whoever succeeds in embracing these issues in a convincing way will be the big winner on the national scene.

The main losers in the local elections are the two big parties: first the Likud and, to a lesser extent, Labor. Although the latter had some impressive successes in winning the mayoral contests in many big cities, they could have done much better in more cities under a different leadership. But the crucial loss was on city councils.

Most of the elected mayors will face widely fragmented city councils with no major list as their backbone of support. I do not envy these mayors. On the one hand, they will face the obstacles imposed by the government bureaucracy and by outdated laws controlling the operations of the local authorities. On the other hand, they will have to satisfy their local coalitions and the interests of those who supported their campaign. Mission almost impossible!

I HAVE no doubt that the biggest loser in these elections is our

The biggest loser in these elections is our democratic system.

democratic system. The combination of the shortcomings of the new system of direct elections of the prime minister and the direct elections of mayors has caused a growing disintegration of the two big national parties. In many city councils they almost disappeared.

Without a drastic change in the national election system, the Likud and Labor together will have less than 50% of the seats in the next Knesset, compared to a combined strength of 95 in 1981 and more than a majority in every election since then. This is a bad phenomenon for maintaining a viable and stable democratic system.

Every democracy around the globe is based upon several strong parties - usually two, but not more than three or four - that are the core of stability. They rotate between government and opposition, providing their electorate with social, ideological, political, and personal alternatives, based on a proven record of integrity and fair play.

Parties that failed to meet those criteria disappeared from the political arena. Unlike Israel, such well established democracies as the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Sweden believe that the strong party system is good for the national scene, as well as the provincial and local one.

Some, like Germany and France, learned the hard way. They do not want to ever return to the dark days of the Weimar Republic in Germany or the Fourth Republic in France. Only in Israel we refuse to learn from the experience of others.

Without a strong two-party system our democracy will be in grave jeopardy. If we do not change back the system immediately, we might find out that it is too late. Like most mayors, the next prime minister - if elected by the existing system - will find he is unable to carry out his program facing a Knesset dominated by many middle- and small-sized factions, the largest being Shas. Ehud Barak is beginning to understand that the system is undemocratic and unmanageable. But he does not have the courage to stand in the front line of the fight for changing it, saying this change should start only for the elections of 2004.

If the system is not changed now and implemented in the coming elections it will never change. There will be enough factions in the next Knesset that will have a vested interest in preserving the current system and their own clout. It is now or never. Even Netanyahu must understand that the difficulties he is facing now are a piece of cake compared to what awaits him if reelected under the present system.

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Nahum Gutman: Two Donkeys and the Tower of Ramle, 1929 (\$75,000-\$100,000 at Ben Ami, Tel Aviv)

## Signs of the times

### AT THE AUCTIONS

Will local buyers desert upcoming Tel Aviv auctions? Economic uncertainty appears to have cast its shadow over Sotheby's sale of Judaica in Tel Aviv last week, when only 38% of the lots were sold (the star lot, a pair of Torah finials, was withdrawn prior to the sale). However, some rare items went for well above their estimates, bringing the sale's value figure to some 49%. This indicates that the serious and professional collectors are still around, but that smaller players and potential new collectors for the less expensive items may be exercising caution.

Top of this sale was an 18th-century Hebrew illuminated miniature manuscript, *Seder Shirat Ha'omer*, which more than tripled its estimate at \$96,000. The Psalms illuminated by Moses Broda of Trebitsch in 1723 fetched \$69,000.

A micrographic document created in the late 17th century for the philanthropic Duke Christian August of Saxe-Weimar, which sold for six times its low estimate at \$39,100. A parcel gilt silver Torah finial was bought by New York's Jewish Museum for \$32,000, double its estimate. A brass Bezalel lamp and an Art Deco-like German silver synagogue goblet also doubled their estimates.

The series of antisemitic posters from the Dreyfus case period did not sell.

Total for the sale was \$785,070. The next Sotheby's sale of Judaica will take place in New York on March 16. Consignments from here must reach Sotheby's Tel Aviv office by December 1.

BEN AMI Auctions will offer 173

lots of Israeli and international art at the Tel Aviv Dan this coming Saturday evening. How this sale will go may also be an indicator of incipient client caution, for there are several dozen notable items on offer (to judge from the color catalog, which, by the way, still suffers from inexcusable misspellings of names in English).

One of the high-priced early items is an oil of two young donkeys seen against the Tower of Ramle, painted by Nahum Gutman in 1929 (\$75,000-\$100,000). A Rabbin oil of olive trees and a pink house has the usual estimate (\$50,000-\$70,000). An interesting virtual abstraction of a seated woman by Streichman from 1966 is possibly a *chef d'oeuvre* (\$40,000-\$60,000, may go for more); compare it with this artist's famous *Seated Woman*, an oil from 1955 (\$30,000-\$40,000).

However there are many interesting paintings with more modest estimates, among them an Engelsberg landscape (\$7,000-\$9,000); a lively self-depiction by Zartitsky, in watercolor, of the artist at work on his famous seen-from-the-Tel Aviv roof series, 1938 (\$15,000-\$20,000); a strong Ziona 'Dager of Ein Kerem' (\$10,000-\$15,000); a lovely mixed-media drawing by Marc Chagall of a large herring floating over a herring-monger, possibly an evocation of the artist's father (\$10,000-\$15,000); a lovely abstract Stenmark oil from the '70s, lot no. 62 (\$7,500-\$10,000), the most poetic of all his works on offer.

Among the historical curiosities are a made by Mame Katz and a Litvinovsky of Bialik; a shipwreck by the noted 19th-century Russian romantic landscapist Ivan Constantin Alivazovsky; a Lesser Ury river scene; an oil of a Berlin bridge by Hermann Struck; a Brighton Beach oil by Yosi Bergner; and two early landscapes



Amedeo Modigliani: Standing Nude, 1917-18 (\$8m.-\$10m. at Christie's New York)



Pinhas Litvinovsky: The Drummer, oils, the '40s (\$6,000-\$8,000) at Ben Ami, Tel Aviv.

by Moshe Castel. A lively little still life by Andre Lansky is worth more than its top estimate of \$2,000.

The lots will be on view at the Dan Hotel from tomorrow.

DEALERS AND collectors must be biting their nails while going through the catalogs of masterpieces currently offered in New York by both Christie's and Sotheby's, for there are dozens and dozens of major pictures on offer. All these hundreds of pictures are to be offered in the space of a few days this week.

Twenty paintings and wash drawings by Paul Klee (1879-1940) will be sold by Sotheby's New York on Tuesday at a sale that also includes a very male nude by Lucian Freud. Major works in this sale were covered in last week's column. The

Klees (lots 330-349) have a separate catalog. Most are on paper; a few in mixed media. In several, Klee evidently made an oil in a print laid over a watercolor background, touching up parts with a pen or adding a pen drawing to achieve his distinctive textural finish. These works on paper may go as high as \$400,000. So, one expects, will an abstract series of bands of color organized as a pyramid with a reflection, as though in a mirror. Most of these lots are from the Twenties.

The Freud, a fairly recent (1990) oil of a reclining man with genitals prominently displayed at the very center of the picture, has an ingenious composition accented by a single dark sock pulled almost clear of one foot and twisted to lead the eye back up the other leg. Caravaggio would have loved it (\$500,000-\$700,000).

THIS WEDNESDAY, Christie's New York offers a marvelous late Monet of his pond at Giverny at sunset, painted in interesting complimentary yellows and blues and as fascinating a work as anything in the current *Monet in the 20th Century* show in Boston (\$6m.-\$8m., will go for more). Also notable is a lively ballet scene by Degas from 1879, made in pastel over an oil monotype on paper (\$2m.-\$3m.).

An uncharacteristically pretty Modigliani standing nude, 1917-18, is to be offered by Christie's New York on Thursday. The peppermint pink nude of a redhead has only a few outlines, mostly around the nose and eyes; and a whopping estimate (\$8m.-\$10m.). But a late Van Gogh self-portrait at this sale, clean shaven, made at Saint-Remy in 1889, will go even higher. Estimate is only by request. A great Cezanne of the Chateau Noir may reach \$8m. An unusual offer at this fabulous Christie's sale is a lovely early

realist watercolor of a riverside fauna by Mondrian, made in 1905 (\$300,000-\$400,000).

The same day Christie's will offer a collection of 100 Picasso drawings and ceramics devoted to often saucy brothel themes.

EVER SINCE Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960-88) died an untimely drug-related death, prices for this painter of bold graffiti-like mixed-media canvases have been going up and up. As a result, more and more of these colorful, basically drawn works appear at auctions: nearly a dozen are being offered in various international auctions this season.

Late last month, Sotheby's London sold his acrylic and oilstick "Punch Bag" for £177,500, well over its most optimistic estimate. It went to an anonymous buyer. Christie's New York last weekend offered a Basquiat self-portrait that was expected to top \$500,000. Basquiat's deliberately primitive paintings are striking and instantly recognizable, but to my mind don't wear well.

SOTHEY'S LONDON features a sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art this Wednesday. An exceptional Sancai-glazed Fereghan Horse from the Tang Dynasty features a green saddle hung with hares. This symbolic hunting horse is truly alert and marvelously, richly colored (£220,000-£260,000). Among the porcelain is a rare Ming ewer decorated with an armillary sphere depicting the device of Manuel I of Portugal, symbol of his growing colonial power (an armillary sphere is incorporated in the flag of Brazil). This ewer is believed to be unique (£40,000-£50,000).

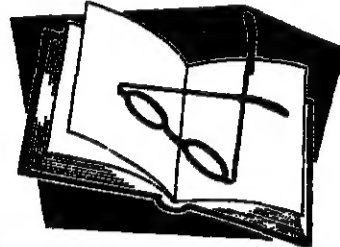
This sale will be followed on Thursday by a Japanese sale featuring 150 items of netsuke carvings, ranging in estimate from a few hundred sterling to £15,000.



Eleanor Roosevelt: compared to the ancient Greeks

## Before their time

### BOOK REVIEW



By Lauren Weiner

**EMPTY WITHOUT YOU:** The Intimate Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok, edited by Rodger Streitmatter (Free Press, \$25, 336 pp.)

Before you get upset about an Eleanor Roosevelt scandal thrust in your face — who needs another scandal? — I suggest looking at *Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok* in the following light.

This correspondence invites us to compare Roosevelt to the ancient Greeks. The Greek elders' relations with their male proteges were, in many ways, an outgrowth of their lofty social position. They were not gay in today's sense of that term.

So, too, Roosevelt comes across not as homosexual but as someone with a husband, an extended family of children, grandchildren, cousins and assorted dependents: servants; office aides; house pets; a horse named Dot; and a girlfriend.

Lorena Hickok, a hard-drinking reporter from the wrong side of the tracks, joined the entourage of a dutiful and busy society lady — or "socially concerned aristocrat," to borrow editor Rodger Streitmatter's phrase. Aristocrats make their own rules of behavior.

Streitmatter's comments suggest that Roosevelt embraced Hickok *faute de mieux* after husband Franklin Roosevelt cheated on her. Keep in mind, though, that the former first lady was an American and not a European aristocrat. The criss-crossing promiscuities, betrayals and vicious gossip of England's Bloomsbury bisexuals, to take one European example, are entirely missing here.

The situation seems to have had a certain stability. Then, too, insofar as it was sexual (hugs and kisses appear to have been the extent of it), it didn't last long. After some torrid months during 1933 and 1934, the two women evidently became just friends, remaining so for life.

Thus, *Empty Without You* is, paradoxically, a shocking book and also a rather tame one.

Anybody expecting the first lady to display a rebellious private side will be disappointed. She accepted her maternal and public roles — even incorporated Hickok into them, making her, in effect, deputy mother to the far-flung Roosevelt offspring.

I would add that anyone expecting the first lady to have treated her friend fairly will likewise be unhappy. Hickok, who actually was a lesbian, gave up journalism to become the first lady's public relations expert. She taught her how to be a political figure.

These two left-wingers were also patriots and Hickok paid dearly for her patriotism: She lost the company of the woman she loved, as Eleanor Roosevelt flew off into the wild blue yonder to give speeches and visit the Allied soldiers fighting World War II.

Hickok was assigned the important but lonely job of studying federal relief programs across the United States. When she was in a bad car crash out West, Roosevelt wrote from Washington: "Gee! You are swell about it... Now I must dress for dinner!"

After getting testy about a lack of attention from her beloved, Hickok gamely tried to adjust. She never found a replacement for Eleanor Roosevelt in her life. After the Roosevelt administration ended, the books Hickok wrote earned little and her self-destructive drinking took its toll on her health. She died poor and alone.

The historical value of this volume has less to do with Eleanor Roosevelt, I think, than with the sadnesses borne by homosexuals not fortunate enough to have lived today.

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## The 'Post' — an environmental pioneer

### Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Thirty years ago this month, I wrote my first nature and environment article for publication in this newspaper.

The environment wasn't much of an issue in those days. Everyone was heaving a sigh of relief over having averted near-disaster in the Six Day War, and

of the day had been building and progress, with little notice paid to environmental damage.

That damage has come back to haunt us now, in the shape of polluted rivers, dwindling beach areas, the asphaltting of massive parts of the country and, of course, the pollution of our air and water.

In short, the environment wasn't a popular subject and anyone who dared suggest that Israel already had serious problems was considered a crackpot of the first order.

Some of the first articles I wrote were not received gracefully by ministry officials, but the editors at *The Jerusalem Post* took the protests with equanimity, and this has been true of every editor at the newspaper in the years since.

Today, with the environment a hot issue, few people know what a pioneering newspaper the *Post* has

this subject.

For many years, there were almost no nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) dealing with environmental issues. Such issues simply weren't considered news. Even when some group did get together to try to attract public attention, the only newspaper that generally bothered to send a reporter was the *Post*.

Today the *Post* is still a leader in environmental news coverage, columns and insightful opinion pieces.

Of course, in a sense, the paper was preaching to the converted, because even back then immigrants from English-speaking countries were more conscious of the quality of their surroundings than native Israelis or immigrants from most other places.

agreed to give the environment "space" was because they knew the issue interested a good portion of readers.

Sometimes I wrote things that made entrenched bureaucrats very angry, and they sent letters, which were often downright offensive. The *Post* published them, but always gave me space to answer.

This is not to say that the paper's views on the environment have always agreed with my own. Sometimes I would find an editorial taking a view exactly opposed to mine.

Yet I was never censored by an editor — something that is to the paper's great credit.

Last year, Life and Environment, the umbrella organization of the country's more than 20 environmental groups, recognized the work of this writer and reporter, Lia Collins, in

reporting on environmental issues by awarding us a special media prize.

Israel as a whole owes a debt to *The Jerusalem Post* for its consistently good environmental reporting and commentary.

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## NEWS

of the muse

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

## Bashkurov to visit

Renowned Russian pianist Dmitry Bashkurov will give a recital at the Tel Aviv Museum on November 29, with all proceedings going towards the International Piano Masterclasses that take place each summer in Upper Galilee. He will perform music by Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Schumann, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff.

## Documentary seminar on reality

The New Film and Television Fund has arranged for the well-established American documentary film seminar to take place for the first time in Israel. It will be held November 19-24 at Kfar Blum. The festival, which was inaugurated in 1954, has only one other time taken place outside the US - in Lithuania. Among the guests appearing in Israel this week will be leading documentary film makers from the US, China and Hungary. The seminar will deal, first and foremost, with researching reality.

## Friday mornings with the HSO

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra has announced a series of four Friday (11 a.m.) concerts starting next month and continuing through May. Popular classical works by Verdi, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Vivaldi, Rossini and opera excerpts will be performed at the Haifa Auditorium. Subscriptions to the four concerts cost NIS 100.

## Beersheba orchestra tours

The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba is embarking this week on a nine-concert European tour performing in Spain, France and Switzerland. Swiss maestro Urs Schneider will be on the podium throughout this tour and violinists Guy Braunstein, Ariel Shamai and Pierre Amoyal will share playing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. The program, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel, also features a work by Israeli composer Haim Perlmutter.

## How the guitar straddles two worlds

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Throughout the centuries there has usually been a very clear distinction between the musical instruments of the symphony orchestra and those of a more folk/traditional orientation. Violins, cellos, clarinets and trombones, for example, had a very clear symphonic function which was extended only to the chamber-music field. But these are classical-music instruments which only many years later became more popular, even for the violin, which has always been the leading Gypsy instrument as well.

One of the more unusual instruments, because it has lived happily in both worlds, is the guitar. Granted there are usually no guitars in the symphony orchestra, but the classical guitar is one of the more popular instruments for composers of all eras and genres. Side by side with its classical function, which has grown considerably in dimension in this century, the guitar has embarked on a more independent entity as one of the most popular light-music instruments. It is also the leading classical instrument to be transformed as an electronic instrument in popular music of this day and age.

WHY IS the guitar so popular among musicians and why hasn't it earned a real place in the symphony orchestra?

First and foremost, the guitar is a relatively easy instrument to study. Moreover, it is an easy instrument to sing to, which is why many popular-music singers accompany themselves on the guitar, whether in the comfort of their living room or on small and large stages.

The guitar can provide a mere accompaniment or become a much more dominant voice within any given song. It has done so throughout the centuries. In the Middle Ages, the wandering minstrels who roamed Europe carried guitars or similar instruments, like the lute, with them. Thus when the pop and

rock revolution came about, it was easy to create an electronic version of the guitar and bring it a step forward in its musical prominence.

The symphony orchestra itself, however, has very little to offer to the guitar. There are relatively few concerti for the instrument, the Rodrigo one being the most well known. This is because the soft and tender sound of the instrument is bound to get lost when enveloped by the entire symphony or even chamber orchestra. And once you have to amplify the classical guitar, you lose a lot of its beauty and natural quality.

The Guitar Festival, opening this Thursday at the Ezy Center in Tel Aviv and featuring 21 concerts of 14 programs in 12 days, will provide an opportunity to savor the magic of the guitar in all its multifaceted aspects.

From flamenco to blues, from folk to jazz, from classical to fusion, guitarists from all over the world will showcase their artistry in the accommodating acoustics of Enav. Some of the participating guitarists are more familiar - like folk guitarist Baldi Olier or the duo of classical guitarist Reuben Seroussi and flutist Marcello Ehrlich, and the troubadour Hezy Levy. Others are newcomers to our land - like Cuban classical guitarist Joaquin Clerch or the Katons twins from Hungary and Italian blues guitarist Carlo Ambrosio.

What matters in this festival is not necessarily the names themselves, but rather the variety of programs. What could be more exciting than a Claude Bolling program, a Wes Montgomery tribute, and an Andalusian flamenco celebration, side by side with classical guitar standards, all within one festival?

It is a festival in which styles, genres and musical perceptions tingle in a most intriguing way, that does not try merely to please the audience (which it certainly does) but above all tries to pay homage to all the facets of the guitar.

## Oprah loses her Midas touch

By BRIAN LOWRY

Diane Sawyer, in a fawning interview timed to coincide with the US release of the movie *Beloved*, introduced Oprah Winfrey as "a woman who can pretty much do anything." Certainly, that has appeared to be the case. Having reinvented her talk show from a much-maligned format that threw slop around with the best of them to what she now calls "change-your-life TV," Winfrey - in a business where at least 80 percent of everything fails - has exhibited an astonishing Midas touch. For a long time, she had but to mention a book to propel it onto best-seller lists, or lead her name to a TV movie to ensure a huge ratings hit.

No wonder, then, that those of us unmoved by *The Oprah Winfrey Show's* undeniable influence breathed a sigh of relief to see Winfrey - recently proclaimed the most powerful person in show business - by a clearly star-struck *Entertainment Weekly* magazine - finally experience a couple of professional setbacks.

First, her film *Beloved* couldn't overcome its challenging subject matter to triumph at the box office, despite massive publicity, including what amounted to a one-hour infomercial on Winfrey's syndicated program; and then ABC's movie *David & Lisa* - the latest entry under the heretofore golden "Oprah Winfrey Presents" banner - fizzled ratings-wise vs. the miniseries *The Temptations* and *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*.

These slight fissures in Winfrey's armor are welcome largely because of her graduation from talk-show host to icon, from entertainer to missionary.

A recent news release referred to a segment on her show "continuing Oprah's mission to help people change their lives," underscoring how the series at times passes from the realm of entertainment to homework.

As appealing as this might sound to "Oprah"-philes, aspiring to "change people's lives" through a TV show borders on the absurd. Let's face it, the primary goal of most programs is to kill people's time and keep them planted in their chairs.

At its best, the medium can enlighten, varnish, entertain and educate in the process. Yet "change-your-life TV" embodies the marketing genius that has accompanied Winfrey's ascension from a talk-show host - lumped in with Phil, Sally, Jerry and Jenny - to a cultural guru.

The slogan, in fact, feels calculated to rationalize time spent in front of the tube as an investment, not a waste. It says, in essence, "Yes, you are helping yourself by tuning in. You're not being a couch potato, you're taking steps on the road to a better you."

What's most annoying is that this message of self-actualization often gets delivered amid a healthy dose of self-promotion, demonstrated by use of the show to promote *Beloved* and Winfrey's ABC movies, as well as stars who drop in to dispense their own life-changing wisdom while conveniently plugging their latest projects.

According to Vicki Abt, a Penn State University sociology professor who wrote the book *Coming After Oprah* as well as a 1994 essay about talk shows that preceded *Oprah's* moral conversion, the show has gone from "one extreme to the other. What's wrong with moderation? Why do you have to go from being salacious to 'I'm going to change your life'?"

Even with ratings down substantially from their heyday, *Oprah* remains daytime's queen where it counts most. Jerry Springer's blend of circus freak show and wrestling scares off many advertisers; by contrast, *Oprah* is an enormous money machine, highlighted by Winfrey's agreement to extend the show through 2002, receiving a minimum of \$150 million from distributor King World for those two additional years.

Winfrey delivered major successes for ABC last year with *The Wedding and Before Women Had Wings*, but Kate Forte, president of the host's Harpo Films, stressed that the emphasis has always been on artistry, not ratings.

"We don't think of ourselves as having the Midas touch or the golden touch. I don't approach material, and Oprah doesn't encourage me to approach material, with that kind of result in mind," Forte said. "We're proud of every single movie that we've done. I don't

think anybody can find fault with the quality, the ability, the passion or the vision."

Susan Lyne, ABC's executive vice president in charge of movies and miniseries, acknowledged the network was disappointed by time-in for *David & Lisa*, and the subject matter - a romance between two teenagers in a mental institution - "might have been a little tough for that night." Still, she added that

she was "ecstatic" with the production and didn't see evidence of a backlash toward Winfrey's empire.

"I don't think people stayed away from it because they think Oprah is being too earnest right now, because all her films have been about something. She doesn't play it safe," Lyne said.

Indeed, Lyne conceded the host's track record enables her to nurture projects

other producers would have a difficult time getting off the ground. Her next ABC movie, likely to be shown in May, is based on the best seller *Tuesdays With Morrie*, about a young sportswriter's weekly visits with his former college professor, who is terminally ill.

Given the relationship Oprah shares with her audience, it seems like heresy to ask whether she's doing them any real good. Still, skeptics such as Abt question the wisdom of suggesting that her message of empowerment, preached and funneled through a picture tube, can alter anyone's life.

"There's no doubt about it, she's a great businesswoman, but she doesn't have a clue about human motivation," Abt said. "Once you have problems, there is no quick fix. I don't care what she thinks she's selling, it's snake oil."

Indeed, Winfrey's appeal and that of radio talk-show maven Laura Schlessinger stem in part from the beginning notion that they can help listeners and viewers who need to gain control of their lives, almost without regard of their circumstances. Abt would argue that such programs can serve to foster false hopes and trivialize complex issues.

"We have to change system things, institutional things, and that doesn't make good television," Abt said.

No, but who has time for that - especially when in just one hour a day, you can change your life in magical ways. So get with the program. Get with Oprah. Oh yes, and by all means, don't leave that couch or touch that dial.

(Los Angeles Times)



## These Shoes are made for heartbreak

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tzur

Na'alayim ("Shoes") is the latest in a fairly long line of local bands featuring a handful of young, slightly scruffy lads with guitars in their hands and longing in their hearts.

They join groups such as Portrait, Avitupis, and especially

Na'alayim  
Na'alayim  
(Red Arts)

the late lamented Eyfo Hayered, each of whom provided part of the sound track to the local Generation-X experience.

Na'alayim's eponymous debut serves up a baker's dozen songs dealing with the usual themes of love and heartbreak. With the help of producer Yirmey Kaplan, the quartet presents a basic guitar-drum-bass sound which remains consistent, even when it is augmented by other instruments.

Eyal Even-Tzur, the group's lead vocalist, also serves as its primary songwriter. He has a knack for coming up with appealing hooks, which is the album's main saving grace during those moments when the rest of the music begins to drag.

The opening track, "Smell," is one of the better pop tunes on the radio of late. Lead guitarist Eyal Agmon provides the basic jangly structure of the song, with guest artist Tal Segev popping in to lend some piano and Hammond notes. The keyboards provide a poignant edge to the song, which deals with

the kind of bittersweet memories which smells can sometimes bring about.

Remembrance and longing make up a leitmotif of sorts on the album. On "Why," Even-Tzur ponders why the possibly imagined reality that he remembers seems to have gone away. Here, the band beefs up its sound with a muted trumpet.

Even-Tzur occasionally comes up with some disturbing, slightly surrealistic imagery. The song "The Pool" stands out. He sings: "She has a pool/there she swims/ in your tears. She isn't embarrassed/ to ask you to swim with her in your tears."

As for musical influences, Na'alayim shows a fondness for the Israeli sounds of the Seventies and early Eighties. Disco-era string arrangements show up on a few tracks on the second half of the album.

The choppy piano and slightly off-key chorus on "Mrs. Wonderful" are reminiscent of a New Wave with more pronounced guitars.

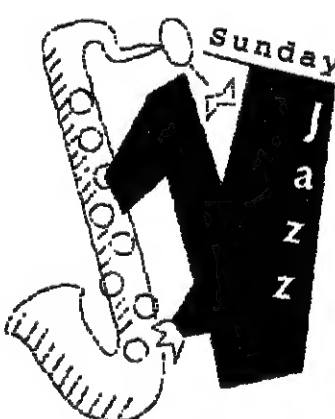
Producer Kaplan generally knows to keep the different backing instruments in the background, letting the band focus on its straightforward guitar sound. On "Purple," he lets these two musical strains - the guitar and the orchestra - fight it out in an interesting musical melange.

The band's biggest problem musically comes from Even-Tzur's voice. He is a decent vocalist, but he often lacks a musical presence and tends to get lost in the rest of the musical mix.

Na'alayim also faces the problem of a musical identity. While the debut makes for pleasant enough listening, one suspects that the average listener taking a blindfolded challenge would not be able to distinguish this band from about a dozen other bands making the rounds at the moment.

The group might still make it big, of course. For that to happen, however, its needs to either foist up a few big hits or else find a more distinct niche for itself.

## The hottest 'Summertime'



By David Isaacson

One of the best things about George Gershwin's centennial year is the twin set of discs, *By George (and Ira)* and *Red Hot & Rhapsody*, produced by The Red Hot Organization "to

BY GEORGE (AND IRA)  
Various Artists  
(Helicon)

RED HOT & RHAPSODY  
Various Artists  
(Helicon)

raise funds and awareness to fight AIDS."

*By George* is a well-chosen and edited collection of 16 Gershwin songs played by a who's who of jazz history. Miles Davis's wonderful eight-minute "The Man I Love" with Thelonious Monk and Milt Jackson (from 1954's *Miles Davis and the Modern Jazz Giants*) would be a standout track on any disc.

Another cover of the song gives a glimpse of Lester Young - as a trio with Nat "King" Cole and Buddy Rich in 1946 - at his mellow, seductive best. The great tenor saxman also plays on a third version, from 1939, as part of a big band backing Billie Holiday.

Nobody could express the bittersweet nature of hope and the spiritual melancholia of waiting as well as Holiday.

There are two entries from Ella

Fitzgerald: If her explosive six-minute cover of "It Ain't Necessarily So" with Louis Armstrong is anything to go by, the *Porgy and Bess* from which it's taken is essential listening. Her "I've Got a Crush on You" with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra is, not surprisingly, more of a slow, mushy pop number à la Sinatra.

Of the disc's four versions of "Summertime," the ever-popular tenor saxman Stan Getz is joined by vibraphonist Gary Burton on a very pleasant 1964 cover.

By contrast, Janis Joplin's version is raw and emotive - a blues singer of great range and power.



Charlie Parker

Wind back the clock 40 years and you have also great Charlie Parker playing in front of a full-blown string section. The strings slowed "Bird" down, he couldn't play with the frenetic nervousness of bebop. Here supported by Ray Brown and Buddy Rich, he comes up with such swinging rhythms that the rhythm seems easy indeed.

The hottest "Summertime" turns out to be by '60s soul singer Billy Stewart. His exuberant, scatting, impromptu jam is an ecstatic celebration, truly worthy of the song's celebrated lyrics and its writers' far-reaching genius.

If you're planning on a disc purchase, make it *By George*.

MOST people out of their teens won't have heard of many of the artists on *Red Hot & Rhapsody*. Apparently they're cutting-edge.

If this is the shape of things to come... we've got a lot to look forward to.

The modern school of rap, hip-hop, techno and beyond probably sounds cold and cynical to most folk, as bebop and rock 'n' roll probably did to previous generations.

A collection of Gershwin standards is the perfect showcase for such little-understood and frequently denigrated forms of contemporary music.

Jovanotti turns "I Got Rhythm" into an enchanting nursery rhyme which certainly does have a lovely, shuffling rhythm; Money Mark's "Peter Sellers Sings George Gershwin" hints at the limitless possibilities of sampling; Davina's soulful "I Was Doing All Right" brings cheek-to-cheek dancing to the most pithy.

Of the established artists, David Bowie (who, recent disappointments with *Tin Machine* notwithstanding, has long been one of the most underestimated of crooners) teams up with Angelo Badalamenti for an appropriately gothic "A Foggy Day (in London Town)." Bobby Womack introduces a genre best described as rap 'n' blues on a "Summertime" as exciting as Billy Stewart's.

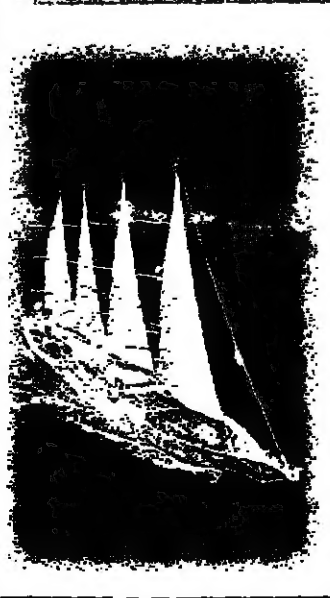
And Natalie Merchant's rendition of "But Not for Me" is so warm and smoky you'd think she's been singing jazz all her life, when in fact she used to be a pianist.

As for Sinead O'Connor, whether she's attacking the pope or trying to be politically correct in Jerusalem, her good intentions reveal a big heart.

When, backed by a well-arranged big band, she applies her rich Irish burr, vulnerable tone and implicit sense of tragedy to "Someone to Watch Over Me," you can mention her in the same breath as Billie Holiday.

So too, *Red Hot & Rhapsody* bears comparison with the great Gershwin interpretations of the past.

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# Hadassah 2000: A healthy fiscal and personal profile

Health ministers seem to come and go; there have been 14 since 1948. But when the Hadassah Medical Organization gets a new director-general — for only the 10th time since 1939 — that's news!

The 10th and latest man to head HMO, with its 4,000 employees, 1,000 beds in two hospitals, five academic schools (in affiliation with the Hebrew University) and one community health center, is Prof. Avi Yisraeli.

In his first press interview since his inauguration in July, the 44-year-old internal medicine and health-care management specialist said he has been preoccupied with the severe financial crisis plaguing public hospitals, especially those owned by voluntary organizations like Hadassah, which do not get government money to pay salaries.

But Yisraeli stressed that financial concerns have not stopped him from establishing another priority: boosting morale among the hospital staff. Apart from the obvious benefits of an improvement in work relations, "a happy worker produces more."

State-owned hospitals receive money from the Treasury to pay wages, and Kupat Holim Clalit institutions get money from health taxes. But voluntary hospitals are on their own when it comes to staff salaries — about 70% of operating costs.

The situation of such institutions — that include the two Hadassah-University Hospitals, Shaare Zedek, Laniado, Bikur Holim and Misgav Ladach — is made even more severe by the opening and shutting of the Treasury spigot. The Treasury owes the health funds about NIS 700 million, leaving them unable to pay their debts to the medical institutions except in bursts of delayed transfers.

"In effect, the voluntary hospitals have become a bank through which the Treasury finances the health funds," Yisraeli says. He discussed these financial problems last month in an article he co-authored that was published in the prestigious *British Medical Journal*.

Another thorn in Hadassah's

side is the health funds' policy of diagnosing and treating members in their own clinics rather than referring difficult and complicated cases to tertiary university hospitals like Hadassah. This has significantly reduced the patient load in the hospital's outpatient clinics, but while it saves money for the insurers, it's not necessarily beneficial to members' health.

"I'm supposed to be preparing Hadassah's budget for next year already," bemoaned Yisraeli, a soft-spoken yet determined physician-administrator who was chosen from among seven candidates. "But I don't even know how to plan the finances for the end of this year, and I haven't yet tackled the looming wage negotiations."

YISRAELI'S master's degree in business administration from the prestigious Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is undoubtedly helping him prepare the budget, but it isn't impelling the Finance and Health ministries to resolve the chronic under-budgeting of the health system any faster.

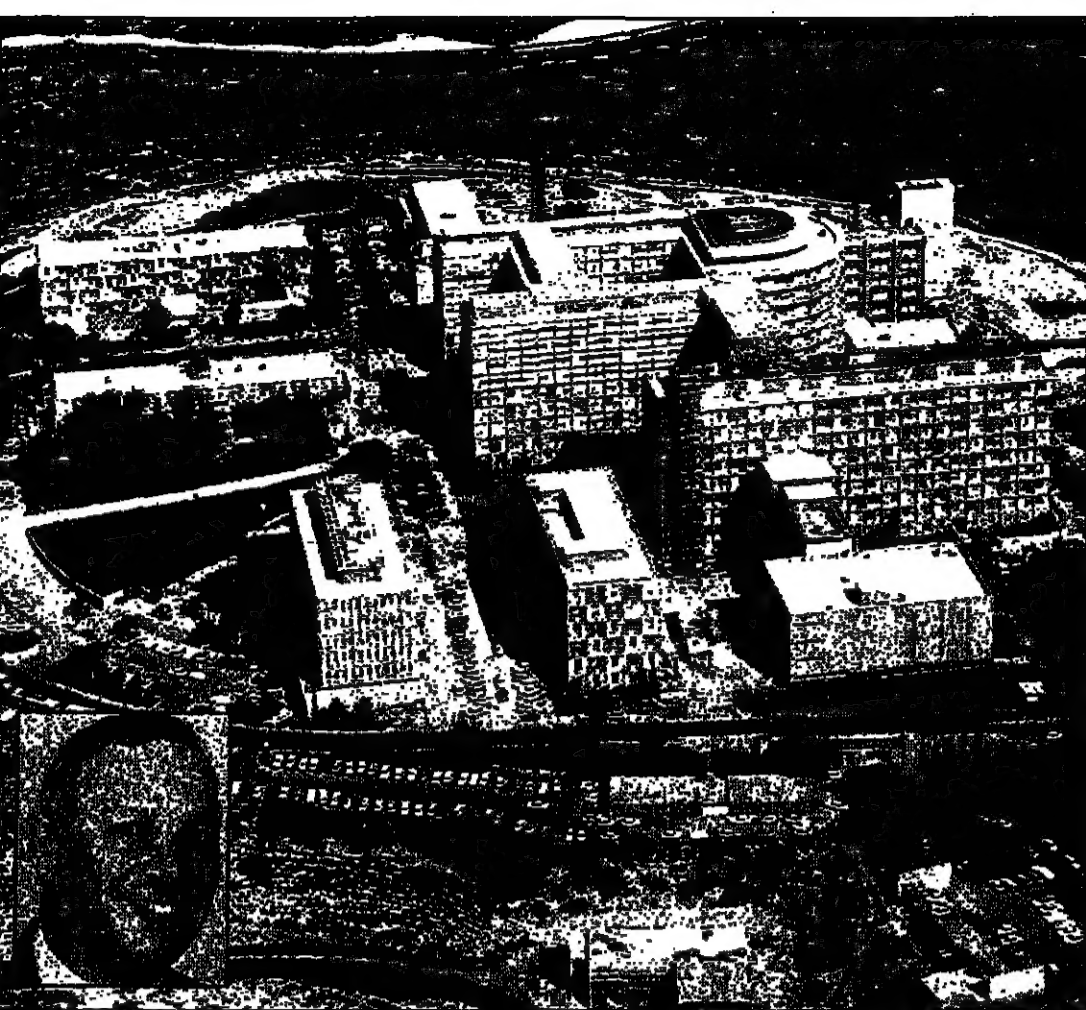
"I grew up in Hadassah," noted Yisraeli, who earned his MD at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine and is now an associate professor of health-care management and family medicine at the school.

For five years, Yisraeli served as associate director-general and acting director-general of HMO, and served two years as director of the Ein Kerem hospital. He also has family connections: His grandfather was in charge of warehouse supplies at Hadassah after emigrating from Poland in 1933, and Yisraeli's uncle began at Hadassah as an errand boy, retiring as its director of finance.

REPLACING the flamboyant and sometimes controversial Prof. Shmuel Pencbas, HMO director-general for the last 18 years, won't be easy. "Prof. Pencbas has left big shoes [to fill]... but," Yisraeli adds with a gleaming smile, "I have pretty big feet."

Pencbas, a tough and sharp-

The Hadassah Medical Organization's new director-general believes that boosting staff morale is an essential part of running better, more efficient hospitals. He talked to Judy Siegel-Itzkovich about the challenges of the 21st century



Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem: New HMO head Prof. Avi Yisraeli (inset) insists the organization "must set the national standards for medical care, research and education — nothing short of this goal is good enough."

toned administrator who had to set a painful efficiency plan in motion last year, had plenty of run-ins with Hadassah doctors, especially the chairmen of the 40

departments in the Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus hospitals. Yisraeli hopes to turn over a new leaf. "My relations with the physicians are excellent," he noted.

"Medicine is a very hierarchical profession with a rigid structure — even more than in the military or on a ship, where the captain is in charge. Somebody has to take

responsibility for things, so occasional conflicts are natural.

"But I want to run HMO in a good spirit; I want to improve morale among the staff and be a good example. There are morale-boosting things you can do that don't cost a lot of money."

Yisraeli, who says he knows about two-thirds of HMO's staffers by name and position, is often asked for directions in the massive complex.

"When other staffers see me giving directions courteously, they will do the same," he said, adding that such personal touches are needed, given the highly technological nature of medicine today.

"In the old days, when a monitor connected to a patient started beeping, the nurse would call the doctor. Today nurses — well-trained in the operation of machinery and electronics — take care of it themselves," he added.

A short time before the interview, Yisraeli sent out a letter to all staffers informing them that on Friday night, December 31, 1999, they must all be at their posts to ensure that no bug affects chips in monitors or other computerized systems when the 21st century begins. "We're putting a lot of work into dealing with possible computer glitches, but we — like other hospitals — want to make sure no patient is harmed."

ALTHOUGH Yisraeli has not yet hired an associate director-general to replace him and must still deal with day-to-day administrative matters, he already has a conclusive vision for HMO.

"The director-general has a different agenda than the associate director-general. He must look more at the future — at leading Hadassah into the 21st century."

Having well-run hospitals is not enough, Yisraeli declares. "We have to employ top-quality clinicians, nurses and auxiliary staff. We must ensure that they will always be up-to-date. We must educate and train them to cater to patient needs. We must promote team work and give our people a sense of partnership. And we must establish an effective team of qual-

ity control in both clinical and non-clinical services."

"We have always striven to lead. We must set the national standards for medical care, research and education. Nothing short of this goal is good enough for Hadassah."

One example of Hadassah's service as a role model is its pioneering trauma unit, which was established at Ein Kerem by Prof. Avi Rivkind. It has since become standard in hospitals around the country. Another example is Hadassah's bone-marrow transplant unit.

Although the National Health Insurance Law does not encourage financially pressed hospitals to conduct basic and applied medical research, Yisraeli said that Hadassah regards this as a major function of its staff. In fact, half of all medical research in the country is conducted by HMO physicians and nurses.

The Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America — HMO's benefactors — transfers a special allocation of \$300,000 a year just to help finance medical research at the two institutions.

With 12 of 40 department heads on the Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus campuses soon to retire at the age of 65, Yisraeli and his team will have to make important manpower choices that will set Hadassah's direction in the coming decades.

The new director-general notes that the hospitals periodically conduct patient surveys to gauge satisfaction with outpatient and inpatient care and the hotel functions of the hospitals.

"You can't give complete satisfaction, but we try. It's obvious, for example, that the hospitals are much cleaner than they were before."

An optimist, Yisraeli believes that in five years HMO will be even more advanced medically and technologically, with a stronger communal spirit among its staff. And he hopes to see a more peaceful Middle East, one where HMO experts will help medical professionals throughout the region establish their own units in Hadassah's image.

## Haredi life is less calm than it seems

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Although haredi life — with its cohesive families and established rules — may seem placid to outsiders, both haredi men and women suffer from high stress levels.

This is the conclusion of an unusual piece of research on haredi Jews living in England that was conducted by psychologists at Royal Holloway-University of London and published in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*.

Kate Loewenthal, Vivienne Goldblatt and Guy Lubitz interviewed 179 strictly Orthodox Jews in London to determine the amount of stress in their lives and compare stress levels in haredi men and women. They approached households drawn from membership lists in the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, which include both hassidic and Lithuanian-style Orthodox.

The majority of those who



Haredi women: Are they more stressed than their husbands?

(Zeev Achassan)

responded had stable marriages, many children (up to 15), and many of the adult's worked in religious-communal occupations.

Although it had been proposed that the women had an "easier life" than men, evidence showed this assumption to be false.

The women's multiple roles as wife, mother of many children and, usually, employee outside the home proved very stressful. The women said they worried about how to stretch their resources to look after their home and raise their families.

Although the researchers had thought the men would be under greater stress from fulfilling the commandments, this had as great an impact on the women as the men, even though they are bound to observe fewer mitzvot.

Fourteen percent of the men and 15% of the women suffered from borderline depression, and 20% of the men and 33% of the women from borderline anxiety; these conditions are minor psychiatric disorders.

Dr. David Greenberg of Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem writes in the journal that it wasn't possible to reach the same con-

clusions about Israeli haredim. He noted that many more Israeli men in the haredi community do not work, thus increasing the economic burden on their wives. Fully 72% of all haredi males in Jerusalem study full-time in a yeshiva.

Since the London researchers have proven that this insular community can be studied if suitable professionals interact with them, Greenberg suggests that "a comparable study of the Israeli haredi population is the only ultimate way to decide on the applicability of their findings."

## Why birth videos cause jitters

By MARTIN MILLER

Eager fathers have started recording the joyful birth of their children with video cameras. But obstetricians are less than overjoyed by this technological development, fearing the tape could be used as evidence against them in malpractice suits.

A woman who had previously had a C-section arrived at a hospital in labor. Her husband began recording the family event with a videocam.

A nurse examined the woman and informed the obstetrician that the time for delivery was near. The doctor, who was on the phone, told the nurses to ready the woman for delivery.

But minutes later, the doctor had not arrived, and the nurses began complaining that he would not get off the phone. Meanwhile, the fetal monitor showed an irregular heartbeat. The doctor finally ended his phone conversation but ultimately botched the delivery, which resulted in the baby's death.

Before the popularity of video cameras in the delivery room, such a case might have led to a protracted legal battle. But armed with the video, the family had indisputable audible and visual evidence against the physician, according to an article published recently in the *Journal of Family Practice* that examined the legal issues surrounding videotaping births.

Cases like this have prompted some hospitals to implement tighter policies regarding videocam use in the delivery room and caused others to prohibit them altogether.

Still other hospitals have no formal policy yet, but with the

ever-rising popularity of videocams, they will soon be forced to act, say legal observers.

Although no formal studies are available, physicians estimate 5% to 10% of US parents ask to bring a video camera into the delivery room.

Some couples feel so strongly about capturing the event on tape that if one doctor doesn't permit it, they will find another who does.

Some hospitals allow videocams — but with the proviso that it be turned off at the doctor's discretion. In most cases, this means the camera goes off if the delivery suddenly becomes complicated, as in the case of an emergency C-section.

This rule, however, is mainly for practical, not legal, reasons, doctors explain.

"If things are going fine, I have no trouble with videotaping births. I think it's wonderful for the parents," said Dr. T. Murphy Goodwin, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. "But if an emergency develops, a father with a videocam is a distraction that can interfere with the mother's care."

OF course, a video camera can be as useful to a physician as it can be potentially damaging, legal experts point out. After all, if all the procedures are correctly followed, a videotape can quickly exonerate a doctor and squelch any frivolous lawsuits, legal experts say.

"I don't worry about videotaping," said Dr. Fanstina Nevarez, chief of obstetrics and gynecology for Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. "I'm always doing the best I can, and

that's what they'll find on the video."

Further bolstering the case to keep videocams is the desire to maintain a positive doctor-patient relationship, physicians say.

Doctor-patient relationships have become strained in recent years by lawsuits and changes wrought by the growth of managed care.

According to one attorney quoted in the journal, a videocam ban would be "an unnecessary precaution that would only further alienate the patient from the physician."

But some doctors are still very cautious about letting videocams inside the delivery room. Their chief concern is that a jury could too easily misconstrue the sometimes messy events that unfold on videotape.

"Pictures which may appear rather routine to a group of trained obstetricians will be perceived as a gruesome and bloody mess to a jury," said an attorney quoted in the journal.

"It could be difficult for any defense attorney to explain away these pictures, especially in complicated deliveries. Other doctors are afraid that videotapes can be tampered with so that the truth of events is completely distorted."

"Juries are rarely shown the entire tape, but instead see a version that has been spliced and edited to support the malpractice claim," states the journal article, which was based on a survey of medical-legal specialists.

Legal experts advise doctors who allow videotapes to lay down ground rules well before the delivery. That way, if complications unexpectedly arise, there won't be a confrontation about halting the taping, they say.

(Los Angeles Times)

## What you eat days before surgery may affect your reaction to anesthesia

By JOHN EASTON

Physicians have long puzzled over why patients respond in surprisingly different and often unpredictable ways to many anesthetics or muscle relaxants.

Now researchers from the University of Chicago Medical Center believe that potatoes eaten prior to surgery — even several days before — may affect the way the body reacts to anesthesia.

For example, ingesting even small amounts of natural substances found in potatoes, tomatoes and eggplants can markedly delay the metabolism of common anesthetic drugs.

These findings, presented at the American Society of Anesthesiologists' annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, are the first to demonstrate a connection between food and the metabolism of

chemicals found in grapefruit juice could extend the bioavailability of several drugs, including several sedatives.

"Our results bring us one step closer to understanding why patients vary so widely in their sensitivity to certain anesthetic drugs," said Dr. Jonathan Moss, professor of anesthesia and critical care at the University of Chicago and director of the study. "We now suspect that much of the variability may be due to diet."

Anesthesiologists make initial dosing decisions based primarily on age, weight and height, liver and kidney function, but "those are only part of the picture," Moss said.

"We need to fill in the rest, including genetic, and now, dietary factors. Only then can we predetermine the best dose of drugs needed to prevent pain and anxiety during an operation but leave the patient awake and alert soon after."

This is becoming increasingly important as more operations shift from inpatient procedures allowing several days for recovery to the outpatient arena with, at most, a few hours to recuperate.

TOMATOES, potatoes and eggplants contain compounds called solanaceous glycoalkaloids (SGAs), which act as natural insecticides, protecting plants from the animals, insects or fungi that attack them.

Potatoes, for example, ordinarily produce high levels of SGAs only in their leaves, stems and sprouts. When damaged or exposed to light, however, the edible part — the tuber — produces glycoalkaloids. Tubers exposed to light also produce chlorophyll, which can give the potato a greenish tint, a warning sign of high SGA content.

Potato SGAs, which are not altered by cooking, have caused serious illness and even death in humans and livestock,

notes Moss.

In lab experiments, the researchers found that even in tiny amounts, SGAs slow the breakdown of many commonly used anesthetics and muscle relaxants — established drugs as well as many of the newer short-acting anesthetics.

Glycoalkaloids interfere with anesthesia by inhibiting two important enzymes found in humans and all vertebrates. The first, butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE), is found in blood.

Although its normal function is unclear, BuChE is responsible for the breakdown of many anesthetic agents, as well as other compounds such as heroin and cocaine. The other, acetylcholinesterase (AChE), breaks down a chemical (acetylcholine) used to transmit signals from motor nerves to muscles.

OF the more than 10,000 known toxins produced by plants, SGAs are the only

ones that inhibit both AChE and BuChE. When these two enzymes are inactivated, the body cannot break down and get rid of certain commonly used anesthetics and muscle relaxants, so they continue to act long after they should have worn off.

Moss and his colleagues found that blood levels of SGAs typical after eating moderate amounts of ordinary potatoes even days before can significantly block these two human enzymes in the test tube.

"This may help explain why the dosing models of many anesthetic agents are often off by as much as 50% to 100%," said Moss. "It also emphasizes the need for skilled anesthesia monitoring of each patient."

Curiously, the presence of SGAs in food appears to have permanently altered some people's response to anesthesia by encouraging the persistence and spread of altered forms of the gene for BuChE.

Moss's team examined studies from many labs on an increased frequency of mutant forms of this enzyme in geographic regions that have historically consumed foods high in SGAs.

For example, some Middle Eastern ethnic groups that eat a lot of eggplant have a high frequency of variant genes for this enzyme. Although these variations are less susceptible to SGAs, they are also less effective at breaking down anesthetics.

A laboratory test can predict which patients will metabolize drugs slowly because of this genetic shift, but it would not be practical to test patients for SGA levels immediately before surgery, said Moss.

He adds, however, that "people who design new medications should begin to look for systems that don't rely on this enzyme to regulate drug metabolism." (University of Chicago News Service)



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## FINANCIAL MARKETS

## Dow up on blue chips

Blue chip stocks rose sharply Friday in New York after a long-awaited international financial aid package was approved for Brazil.

But the technology-laden Nasdaq fell slightly as investors took profits for a third consecutive day amid worries that the Federal Reserve might not lower interest rates again this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 89.85 points - or by one percent - at 8,919.59.

Broader stock indexes were also higher.

The International Monetary Fund's \$41.5 billion rescue package for Brazil is designed to stop global financial turmoil from spreading, IMF officials hope the plan will assure financial markets that Brazil will have the money to pay its debts while it is putting its fiscal house in order.

Several small Internet stocks zoomed to new highs. Most notable was theglobe.com Inc., which set a new standard for debuts by upstart Internet companies.

The company's shares opened at 87, an 86% premium to the initial offering price of 9, but lost some ground and closed around 63.

Investors are waiting for the Fed's policy-making meeting Tuesday, when it will decide whether to cut short-term interest rates for a third time since late September.

Traders were concerned that if the Fed decides to leave rates unchanged, still-shaky financial markets might suffer.

A strong retail sales report from the Commerce Department intensified the market's worries. The government said retail sales rose 1% last month.

Also weighing on investors' minds was the uncertainty in the Middle East, where the US threatened air strikes against Iraq.

The Standard and Poor's 500 increased 7.46 to 1,112.15, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 3.82 to 1,847.24.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,498 up, 1,509 down and 494 unchanged.

## Dollar up as no rate cut expected

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar rose against the most major currencies Friday on expectations that the Federal Reserve will not cut interest rates at its policy-making meeting next week.

Also lifting the dollar was speculation that US military forces might soon initiate air strikes against Iraq.

During economic or political turmoil, investors frequently turn to the dollar as a safe haven investment.

Against the yen, the dollar was quoted at 122.72 yen in late New York trading, up from 121.98 late Thursday.

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## DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Shaare Zedek (internal, obstetrics, ENT); Bnai Zion (surgery); Hadassah Ein Kerem (orthopedics, pediatrics, ophthalmology).

Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center; Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (internal, surgery); Tel Aviv Medical Center.

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## NYSE volume totaled 600.50 million shares as of 4 p.m.

The NYSE composite index rose 3.61 to 3,556.17, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.48 to 668.36.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 2.24 to 389.96.

## Europe

The UK's FTSE 100 index closed slightly higher on Friday as a firm showing by Wall Street offset some disappointing news on the corporate earnings front.

By the close, the blue chip index had gained just 14.2 points or 0.3 percent to 5,463.2, having at one point been as low as 5,370.6. There was a fall of 27.8 from last Friday.

Germany's blue-chip Xetra DAX index closed slightly lower, after a day of volatility caused by small volumes ahead of the weekend.

Unsettling traders said the focus for German shares continued to be domestic corporate news as Germany had no major oil companies.

The electronically traded Xetra DAX ended down 2.09 points, or 0.04%, at 4,634.80.

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## ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

## Patan (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.770	4.900	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.520
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.090	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

## Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (13.11.98)

Currency basket	4.5367	4.5089	—	—	4.5761
U.S. dollar	4.1595	4.2068	4.08	4.28	4.1940
German mark	2.4571	2.5089	2.42	2.55	2.4886
Pound sterling	8.9417	9.0637	8.82	7.16	7.0040
French franc	0.7357	0.7476	0.72	0.78	0.7420
Japanese yen (100)	3.4071	3.4621	3.34	3.52	3.4396
Dutch florin	2.1881	2.2234	2.15	2.28	2.2088
Swiss franc	2.9971	3.0458	2.94	3.00	3.0214
Swedish krona	0.5151	0.5225	0.50	0.54	0.5202
Norwegian krona	0.5353	0.5443	0.54	0.58	0.5808
Danish krona	0.6487	0.6592	0.63	0.67	0.6646
Irish pound	0.8115	0.8246	0.79	0.84	0.8188
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S. African rand	0.7257	0.7377	0.65	0.74	0.7319
Belgian franc (10)	1.1958	1.2117	1.17	1.24	1.2562
Austrian schilling (10)	3.5085	3.5581	3.44	3.62	3.5890
Italian lira (1000)	2.4936	2.5339	2.45	2.57	2.5152
Jordanian dinar	5.8461	5.9404	5.74	6.16	5.8925
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.18	1.26	1.2887
ECU	4.8547	4.9331	4.83	5.03	4.9001
Irish punt	6.1410	6.2401	6.03	6.33	6.1841
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direction. The blue-chip CAC-40 ended two points or 0.06% higher at 3,562.23 in thin volume of around 8.5 billion francs. The index was down 26.4 points on the week.

In Zurich shares closed lower as index heavyweights including Roche, Novartis and Nestle came under pressure from profit-taking. The blue-chip Swiss Market Index dropped 0.73% or 49.4 points to close at 6,703.9, a rise of 54.6 on the week.

Shares on the Milan bourse ended a mixed day in positive ground, though the blue-chip index closed down after Wall Street failed to hold on to its gains amid mounting US-Iraq tension.

The Mibtel all-share index closed up 34 points or 0.17% at 20,638 after high of 20,756. There was a fall of 62 points on the week.

In Amsterdam shares hardly moved by the close as market players drew little incentive from a slightly higher start of Wall Street. An exception was Royal Dutch which saw brisk trade as possible US military action against Iraq lifted oil shares.

Royal Dutch closed up 2.30 guilders, or 2.57%, at 91.80. The AEX index ended 5.35 points or 0.52% lower at 1,033.36. On the week the index lost 23.95 points.

## Asia

Hong Kong stocks firmed to a higher close on Friday but most investors sat on their hands, eyeing developments in Iraq and marking time ahead of the US Federal Reserve's meeting next week, brokers said. The Hang Seng Index added 49.81 points, or 0.50 percent, to end at 9,997.99 a drop of 141.76 from last Friday.

Stocks in Tokyo finished moderately higher, as hopes lingered that the ruling party may propose to temporarily suspend the nation's sales tax in an attempt to revitalize the economy, traders said.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average was up 193.15 points or 1.37% at 14,268.21 a rise of 146.24 from last week.

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# Devils beat Penguins 4-3



**EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ (AP)** — Randy McKay scored his second goal of the game with 5:07 to play to lead the New York Devils to a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday night in referee Paul Stewart's first NHL game since beating colon cancer.

Brian Rolston and Jason Arnott also scored as the Devils blew a 3-0 lead and lucked out on a couple of goal posts before winning for the eighth time in 10 games.

Chris Teresi stopped 17 shots in winning his third game in as many starts. A last-second pass through the crease by Jaromir Jagr glanced off the goal post.

The night also belonged to

Stewart, who was diagnosed with cancer in February, underwent surgery in June and then chemotherapy.

Rangers 3, Bruins 3  
In New York, Dmitri Khristich scored with 1:02 remaining in the third period to lead the Boston Bruins to a comeback tie against the New York Rangers.

Don Sweeney intercepted a clearing pass from Ulf Samuelsson and flipped a shot from the side boards that Kristich redirected with his stick past Rangers goaltender Mike Richter for his seventh goal.

Steve Heinze took advantage of a turnover by Niklas Sundstrom to pull the Bruins within 3-2 with his sixth goal of the season.

Stars 5, Red Wings 1  
In Detroit, Joe Nieuwendyk's goal just seven seconds into the game — the fastest in franchise history — started Dallas to victory over

Detroit in a matchup of NHL Western Conference powers.

Nieuwendyk also had two assists in a four-goal first period for the Stars, now 2-0 this season against the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Red Wings.

Derian Hatcher, Darryl Sydor, Grant Marshall and Mike Modano also scored as the Stars won for the second time in their last 21 games.

Avalanche 5, Lightning 1  
In Denver, Joe Sakic scored his 900th career point, and Peter Forsberg and Adam Deadmarsh each had two goals to lead the Colorado Avalanche over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Sakic had a five-point game, scoring the first Avalanche goal and adding four assists. He recorded his 900th point on his third assist, a second-period goal by Forsberg, then extended his point total to 901 with

another assist in the final period.

Forsberg finished with four points as Colorado outshot Tampa Bay 45-18.

Canucks 5, Mighty Ducks 2  
In Vancouver, British Columbia, Bill Muckalt and Dave Scatchard scored 70 seconds apart, sparking a four-goal third period as the Vancouver Canucks beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

The Canucks trailed 2-1 when Muckalt tied the game with a slap shot from 15 feet at 2:10 of the third period after taking a pass from Peter Zedler behind the net.

Friday's games: New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 3; Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 3; Dallas 5, Colorado 1; Colorado 2, Tampa Bay 1; Vancouver 5, Anaheim 2.

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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	11	5	3	25	32	28
Boston Bruins	10	6	4	24	31	28
Pittsburgh Penguins	9	7	4	22	31	30
N.Y. Islanders	8	8	5	21	30	30
Philadelphia Flyers	7	9	6	20	30	35
Washington Capitals	6	10	6	18	28	35
Florida Panthers	5	11	6	16	28	37
Carolina Hurricanes	4	12	5	13	28	37
Tampa Bay Lightning	3	13	6	9	28	37

### Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis Blues	11	7	1	23	44	37
Chicago Blackhawks	10	8	2	22	37	34
Minnesota Wild	9	9	2	20	37	34
San Jose Sharks	8	10	3	19	37	34
Calgary Flames	7	11	2	16	37	34
Edmonton Oilers	6	12	2	14	37	34
Phoenix Coyotes	5	13	2	12	37	34
Los Angeles Kings	4	14	3	11	37	34
San Jose Sharks	3	15	2	8	37	34

### Western Conference

#### Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis Blues	11	7	1	23	44	37
Chicago Blackhawks	10	8	2	22	37	34
Minnesota Wild	9	9	2	20	37	34
San Jose Sharks	8	10	3	19	37	34
Calgary Flames	7	11	2	16	37	34
Edmonton Oilers	6	12	2	14	37	34
Phoenix Coyotes	5	13	2	12	37	34
Los Angeles Kings	4	14	3	11	37	34
San Jose Sharks	3	15	2	8	37	34

#### Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver Canucks	11	7	1	23	44	37
Seattle Kraken	10	8	2	22	37	34
San Jose Sharks	9	9	2	20	37	34
Calgary Flames	8	10	3	19	37	34
Edmonton Oilers	7	11	2	16	37	34
Phoenix Coyotes	6	12	2	14	37	34
Los Angeles Kings	5	13	2	12	37	34
San Jose Sharks	4	14	3	11	37	34

#### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver Canucks	11	7	1	23	44	37
Seattle Kraken	10	8	2	22	37	34
San Jose Sharks	9	9	2	20	37	34
Calgary Flames	8	10	3	19	37	34
Edmonton Oilers	7	11	2	16	37	34
Phoenix Coyotes	6	12	2	14	37	34
Los Angeles Kings	5	13	2	12	37	34
San Jose Sharks	4	14	3	11	37	34

## No progress seen in NBA talks

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The union leader for American basketball players gave the silent treatment Friday to the National Basketball Association commissioner, in a sign of how difficult it will be to resolve the NBA's labor dispute and get an already-delayed season going.

Union leader Billy Hunter again refused to place a telephone call to David Stern, the NBA commissioner, reneging on a vow he made Wednesday to touch base with his adversary on how to end the NBA lockout.

Instead, Jeffrey Kessler, the outside lawyer for the union, called NBA chief legal officer Jeffrey Mishkin to say that the union saw no point in a meeting.

"If they say there's no point, then not much is likely to happen for a

while," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The lack of progress was mind-boggling to many. There have been no meetings between the sides since last Friday, and there have been no full negotiating sessions since Oct. 28.

The start of the season has already been pushed back to mid-December at the earliest in the first regular-season work stoppage in NBA history.

The lockout is essentially a strike by the owners. Without a contract, owners can prohibit — or lock out — players from working until a deal is reached.

The biggest issue in this work stoppage is the owners' insistence on maximum salary costs and the union's refusal to accept a "hard" salary cap.

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# Hap. PT beat Betar, Haifa stretch lead

By DEREK FATTAL, OFER RONEN-ABELS and ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem were the big losers in the ninth round of National League soccer action played this weekend.

A pedestrian 1-0 away victory by league leaders Hapoel Haifa over Hapoel Beit She'an on Friday served to increase the stakes in yesterday's duel between second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva and Betar.

The two sides contended to provide the fans with the most exciting match played to date in this campaign, as the Petah Tikvians came back from behind to end 3-2 winners in a contest neither side could afford to lose.

At the other end of the standings Maccabi Jaffa's tortuous existence in the top flight continued with a home defeat at the hands of Maccabi Tel Aviv. Jaffa are still without a single point after nine straight defeats since the season opened back in August.

**Hap. PT 3, Bet. Jerusalem 2**

The 8,000 spectators that packed into Petah Tikva's compact municipal stadium last night were treated to a cliffhanger match. The final result left even the most passionate among the 4,000 Betar fans with the sickening feeling that their heroes will now be hard-pushed to retain the title.

The opening goal came as a surprise in the 26th minute. Betar's Shmuelik Levy darted down the right wing and let loose a high hanging cross towards Ofer Shitrit in the center of the Petah Tikva box.

As Ilie Stan and Shai Hess each waited for other to react Shitrit took advantage of their indecision, heading the ball wide of the Hapoel goal-keeper to give Betar a 26th-minute lead.

Hapoel's deserved breakthrough came from an unlikely source just before the break when Benny Kozlovskii sent a long ball forward into the path of Walid Bdir. The Israel international timed his run perfectly to collect the pass and drive it into the back of the Betar goal from an acute angle to level the scores.

In the 58th minute Itzik Kornfein committed an atrocious error, deserting his goal line area to clear the ball, only to return 74% possession to Petah Tikva's Gabor Marton. Marton elegantly lobbed the ball from 20 meters out into Kornfein's net to put the hosts in front, as the Jerusalem "keeper" was still struggling to return to position. Betar went two goals adrift in the 65th minute when a shot from Stan from outside the area was gleefully guided in by Kakkon.

The Petah Tikvians missed a chance to seal the match when a weak penalty kick by Reuven Atar was saved by Kornfein in the 70th minute. Kornfein's quick release downfield caught the Petah Tikvan defense napping and within seconds of Atar's miss Shitrit had brought Betar back into the match with his second goal of the game.

**Mac. Haifa 4, Beni Yehuda 0**

Alon Mizrahi and Yossi Benayoun were once again the two danger men for Haifa. They took minutes. Mizrahi sent Benayoun into Beni Yehuda's penalty box and the young midfielder shook off one defender before sending the ball past Shaul Smadja to open the score.

With 19 minutes gone Adoram Keisi almost gave the visitors an easy equalizer as a clumsy back-pass set Kobi Refuah in front of Nir Davidovich, but the Israel "keeper" saved at his feet.

From the restart, Haifa went for a counter attack that saw Beni Yehuda's defence bring Mizrahi down on the edge of the box. Benayoun curled in the free kick to give Haifa a 2-0 lead.

A minute later, Benayoun made good ground down the left flank, before crossing for Hromatko to head in the third past the outstretched arms of Smadja. Twelve minutes in the second half, Benayoun completed

ed his treble hooking the ball past Smadja after Mizrahi worked his way past a now demoralized defence to make it 4-0.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE: Maccabi Haifa 4, Beni Yehuda 0; Hapoel Jerusalem 2, Ironi Rishon LeZion 1; Hapoel Tel Aviv 3, Maccabi Petah Tikva 1; Maccabi Herzliya 0, Hapoel Kfar Sava 1; Maccabi Jaffa 0, Maccabi Tel Aviv 1; Hapoel Petah Tikva 3, Betar Jerusalem 2; Hapoel Beit She'an 0, Hapoel Haifa 1; Zairim Holon 0, Ironi Ashdod 0.**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Haifa	9	8	1	0	14	2	25
Hapoel Petah Tikva	9	7	0	2	22	7	21
Maccabi Haifa	8	5	1	2	21	8	16
Beni Yehuda	9	5	1	3	25	14	16
Hapoel Jerusalem	9	5	1	3	17	12	16
Hapoel Tel Aviv	9	5	1	3	17	12	16
Zairim Holon	9	4	2	3	14	7	14
Maccabi Tel Aviv	9	4	2	3	15	14	14
Hapoel Kfar Sava	9	4	1	4	13	17	13
Maccabi Petah Tikva	9	3	3	3	16	13	12
Ironi Ashdod	9	2	3	4	13	16	9
Ironi Rishon LeZion	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
Maccabi Herzliya	9	3	0	6	10	16	9
Bnei Yehuda	9	2	2	5	13	18	8
Hapoel Beit She'an	9	1	1	7	6	24	4
Maccabi Jaffa	9	0	0	9	4	28	0

## Benayoun, Nagar get Israel callup

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Maccabi Haifa's young stars Yossi Benayoun and Shuki Nagar received urgent orders to pack their bags last night as they join the Israel soccer squad which flies to Lisbon this morning for the friendly international against Portugal on Wednesday.

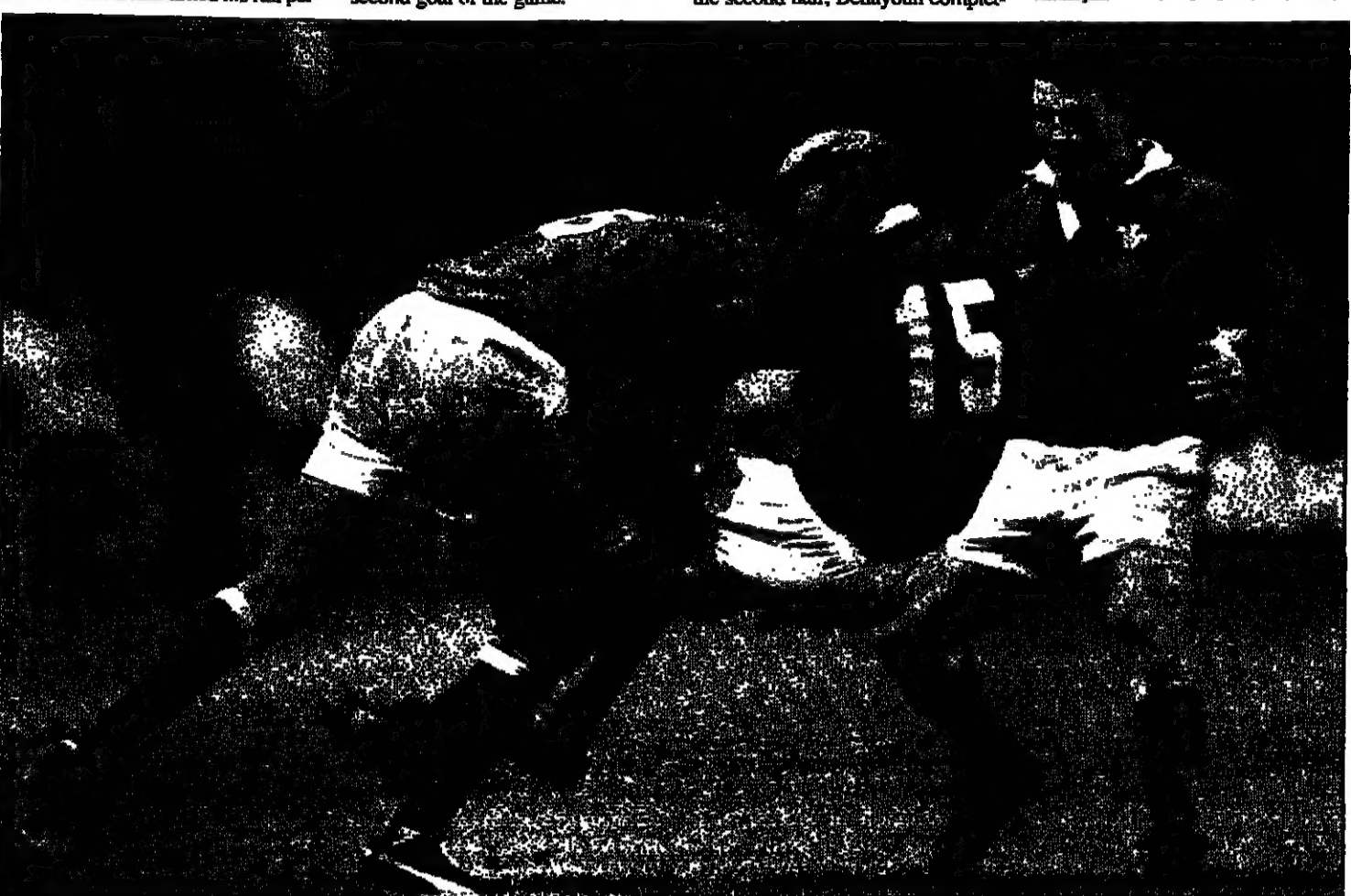
Coach Shlomo Scharf surprised everyone last night as he called up Benayoun and Nagar in place of Alon Mizrahi and Walid Bdir.

The callup was all the more surprising, as just hours earlier, when asked by a radio interviewer if it was about time Benayoun was summoned to full international duty, Scharf replied that he had no intention of bringing the young prodigy in before it was time.

Mizrahi asked Scharf to remain in the country as his daughter was hospitalized with a stomach bug and Bdir picked up an ankle injury as Hapoel Petah Tikva beat Betar Jerusalem 3-2.

Hapoel Tel Aviv's goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech also makes the 18 man squad as he is set to become Israel's new No. 2 'keeper.

The full squad: Nir Davidovich, Alon Harazi, Arik Benadot, Adoram Keisi, Yossi Benayoun, Shuki Nagar (all Maccabi Haifa), Ran Ben-Shimon, Najwan Grayeb (Hapoel Haifa), Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Shavit Elimelech (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Amir Shelah, Yossi Abukasis, Jan Talassnikov, Ofer Shitrit (Betar Jerusalem), Idan Tal (Maccabi Petah Tikva), Eyal Berkovic (West Ham), Tal Banin (Brescia), Ronen Harazi (Bursaspor).



Springbok fullback Percy Montgomery (center) is up-ended by Wales's Colin Charvis (left) as teammate Scott Gibbs looks on in the international at Wembley yesterday.

## Wales take Springboks to the brink

### England score record 110-0 win over Dutch

**LONDON (Reuters)** - World champions South Africa beat Wales 28-20 at Wembley yesterday but were taken to the brink of defeat by a team they had trounced 96-13 five months before.

Level at 14-14 at the interval after leading 14-0, Wales, under New Zealand coach Graham Henry, led 20-17 going into the final quarter.

But the Springboks won the with a try by flanker Andre Venter and a penalty from Franco Smith in the last three minutes. Fly half Neil Jenkins kicked five penalties for Wales and Gareth Thomas

scored their only try.

South Africa continue their tour with a Test against Scotland next Saturday at Murrayfield. The Scots were given a sharp lesson on what will be expected when they were beaten 24-8 by the New Zealand Maoris.

In Nantes, France opened their international season with a 34-14 defeat of Argentina. Centre Stephane Glas scored two of the five tries for the Five Nations' champions.

Elsewhere, it was a day for World Cup qualifiers.

England went into the record books with a 110-0 defeat of the Netherlands in Huddersfield, the biggest score in their history, beating the previous best of 60.

Fly half Paul Grayson kicked 15 conversions, smashing the England record of eight held by Simon Hodgkinson. Another record fell with 16 tries, four apiece going to flanker Neil Back and centre Jeremy Guscott.

In Dublin, Ireland were also untroubled, beating Georgia 70-0 after leading 28-0 at half time.

## Ex Knicks coach Red Holzman dead at 78

**NEW YORK (AP)** - William "Red" Holzman, the unassuming, businesslike basketball coach who won almost 700 NBA games and guided the New York Knicks to their only two NBA championships, died Friday night. He was 78.

Holzman retired from basketball in 1982 after his second stint as coach of the Knicks and went into the Hall of Fame three years later. With 696 regular-season victories in 18 years as coach, he ranks 11th on the NBA's list of winningest coaches. Holzman won 613 games with the Knicks.

In five of Holzman's years as coach, the Knicks won 50 or more games and had a club-record 60 victories en route to the 1970 NBA title. They also won the league championship in 1973 - those are only two NBA titles in Knicks' history.

Holzman molded a collection of stars such as Willis Reed, Bill Bradley, Dave DeBusschere, Walt Frazier, Earl Monroe and Dick Barnett into a cohesive unit that became appreciated for its concept of team play and defensive style.

Holzman was nicknamed "Red" by his wife, Selma, who dubbed him for his flaming red hair when they were first acquainted.

## Rusedski must wait and hope for Hannover berth

**STOCKHOLM (Reuters)** - Swedish No. 1 Thomas Johansson may have shattered Greg Rusedski's dream of reaching the ATP Tour finals by beating the Briton in the Stockholm Open semifinals yesterday.

Rusedski's chance of qualifying for the big season-ending tournament in Hannover, starting on November 24 now rests on Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov defeating Goran Ivisevic in the Kremlin Open final in Moscow today.

"I saw he was very nervous and I took advantage of this," Johansson said winning 7-5 7-6 win. "I made some good serves and that's what was needed."

American Todd Martin overcame Tim Henman 4-6 6-1 6-2 in the other semifinal but the Briton had already secured a place in the eight-man Hannover event.

Johansson broke Rusedski in the third game of the first set.

The Canadian-born Briton was unable to counter until the ninth when he broke back with a perfectly executed volley.

The temperamental Swede threw his racket in anger but quickly calmed down and broke Rusedski in the following game before serving for the set.

"I didn't try to psyche him up, but I did want to disturb his game," Johansson said. "You have to disturb his serve to overhaul him." Rusedski seemed to recover in the second, tight set. His renowned power service was back and Johansson had to

fight for every point.

But the expected breakthrough never came and the pair went into a thrilling tiebreak. Both had their chances but the Swede proved the stronger, winning 9-7 when Rusedski volleyed out.

"It only came down to one or two points today so it's obviously very disappointing because it was a match I could have turned around," said Rusedski. He said his game was affected by an injury on Friday.

"It's disappointing because I won't be in Hannover as it is impossible for Kafelnikov to lose tomorrow."

Henman broke Martin's serve in the first game and controlled the set with fine returns and passing shots.

But in the second set Henman's form vanished and Martin broke him three times.

The American's solid play carried him through the decider in similar fashion as Henman piled up the errors.

Rios misses chance to be No. 1

In Santiago, Chile, hometown favorite and top seed Marcelo Rios squandered a chance to become the world's No. 1 player when unseeded Juan Antonio Marin of Costa Rica upset him in the quarter-finals of Chile's \$315,000 Chevrolet Cup claycourt tennis event on Friday.

Marin battled to a 6-4 6-7 (5-7) 7-6 (7-5) victory over the Chilean world No. 2, who had to win this tournament to vault past American Pete Sampras and enter the upcoming ATP Tour World Championships at Hannover with the top spot in the world rankings.

Sampras lost in the first round this week in Stockholm, and Rios trailed him by 605 points in the latest rankings. Sampras is now assured of holding the world's top ranking with 3,703 points to Rios's 3,670.

**Graf beats Hings**

In Philadelphia, Steffi Graf continued her comeback with an upset victory over second seed and defending champion Martina Hingis on Friday in the quarter-finals of the \$450,000 Advanta Championships indoor event.

Graf, rebounding from a wrist injury, extended her winning streak to eight matches and has won six of seven meetings with Hingis overall. She won the first set easily 6-2 before Hingis battled back to take the second 6-4.

In the third set, Graf displayed the dominance that made her the world's No. 1 player for much of the last decade, running Hingis between the baselines and firing several aces to sweep the set 6-0.

Graf's last victory over Hingis came nearly two years ago at the Chase Championships final in 1996, when the two players participated in a grueling five-set war. Four months after losing to Graf, Hingis displaced her for the No. 1 ranking and held it for 80 weeks before American Lindsay Davenport seized the top spot on October 11.

Hingis and Graf will have a chance to meet again in next week's Chase Championships in New York. Graf earned the 16th and final spot after American Venus Williams withdrew on Thursday with a knee injury.

## American Travis Brown wins 'Tour de Sdom'

By HEATHER CHAIT

Almost nine hundred mountain bikers descended to the Dead Sea area yesterday, crisscrossing Nahal Porzim in the fourth annual Tour de Sdom.

Perfect weather conditions and the uniqueness of riding at the lowest place on earth attracted the record number of cyclists.

Winning the men's 34 kilometer competitive route was American Travis Brown, who circled the 17km route twice, finishing in one hour and thirty three minutes.

Brown was the expected winner but just one minute behind him was Israeli champion Ido Sirkin in 1:34.

Third place went to Ilan Edelson in 1:40.

"Ido's performance really impressed me," said Brown after the race, "and the number of bikers here proves that Israel has a big

the race, Brown said that the going was tougher in the second half. "There was no wind and thus little speed but I made my attack in the second lap."

Israel champion and last year's winner, Laurie Copans, confirmed her status among women riders, finishing first in 2:02, well ahead of second place Demetra Antoniou from Cyprus whose time was 2:19.

Mary Moncore from the US was third in 2:28.

Antoniou's brother, Antonis, was first in the youth category, in a time of 1:50 with Sharon Elad second in 1:57.

This year's route, mostly ascents and descents, proved tougher than last year but still drew an array of riders from 70-year-old Benjamin Reiss from Ra'anana to seven-year-old Anat Grossman from Yokneam.

Main sponsors of the race were the Hyatt Regency Dead Sea Hotel, Tel Ezer and Al-Zar.

## Dale takes five wickets against England

**CAIRNS, Australia (Reuters)** - Queensland pace bowler Adam Dale collected five wickets as England battled to reach 182 for seven at the close of play on the second day of their four-day match on Saturday.

Dale finished with figures of five for 31 from 20 overs in hot and

humid conditions at Cazaly's Oval as England struggled in reply to Queensland's first innings total of 209.

Queensland had resumed in the morning at 193 for eight.

Dale had Michael Atherton caught behind for a duck with his first ball of the day and then bowled Mark

Butcher for two with his sixth ball to leave England reeling at four for two.

A 100-run partnership from captain Alec Stewart (52) and Nasser Hussain (40) then steadied England.

At the close the not out batsmen were Dominic Cork (23) and Darren Gough (2).

## SPORTS

in brief

### Lior Mor wins in Las Vegas

Lior Mor has reached the semi-finals of the \$50,000 Las Vegas tennis tournament. Mor was scheduled to play against Cecil Mamiit from the US late last night.

In the quarterfinal round, Mor beat Alexander Hernandez of Mexico 6-4, 6-2.

Hernandez had been responsible for ending Eyal Ran's challenge in the second round of the tournament.

In the second tournament on the men's satellite circuit at Ramat Hasharon yesterday, Ofer Sela edged top seed Noam Behr 7-6(4), 7-6(4) in the final.

In the semi-finals on Friday, Sela defeated Janne Ojala from Finland 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4 and Behr beat Kobi Ziv 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

The satellite now moves to Beersheba before next week's Masters event in Ofakim.

Unseeded Justine Henin from Belgium won the Marjorie Sherman women's tournament yesterday, beating top seed Patricia Wartusch from Austria 6-2, 6-4. Henin beat Tatian Foutchek, seeded seventh, 6-4, 7-5 in the semi-finals and Wartusch stopped Nora Kovacs from Hungary, winning 6-3, 6-0. Heather Chait

### UEFA bans Poland's Wisla Krakow for one year

**WARSAW (Reuters)** - European soccer's governing body UEFA has banned Polish champions Wisla Krakow for one year from European competition after a supporter threw a metal object at Parma's Dino Baggio during their UEFA Cup clash in Krakow last month.

"Wisla cannot take part in UEFA competitions in the first year it qualifies for European club play over the next five seasons," said Tomasz Jagodzinski, spokesman for the Polish Football Association (PZPN). The object involved was believed to have been a knife.

### Ince hit with another three-match ban

**GENEVA (Reuters)** - England midfielder Paul Ince was handed another three-match ban by UEFA on Friday for his sending-off in Liverpool's UEFA Cup second round victory over Valencia.

Last month Ince was banned for three international matches by UEFA after being sent off playing for England against Sweden in a Euro 2000 qualifier.

This latest suspension, for violent conduct towards an opponent, rules him out of Liverpool's UEFA Cup campaign at least until March.

UEFA handed two-match bans to Liverpool team mate Steve McManaman and Valencia's Amedeo Carboni. The pair were also sent off during the November 3 match.

### Battery case reopened against Shaquille

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** - The battery case against Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers was reopened Friday after his accuser resurfaced and spoke to authorities again.

Kim Grant, a 23-year-old worker at Walt Disney World, said last month the basketball star grabbed her neck outside Disney's Pleasure Island nightclub after she tried to end a conversation with him.

Police investigators later tried at least six times to get in touch with Grant, by telephone and letter, said a spokesman for the Orange County sheriff's office. When she couldn't be contacted, the complaint was shelved.

But she came to the sheriff's office Friday. She said she hadn't known officials were looking for her until newspapers reported last week that her complaint wasn't being processed because she couldn't be found.

### Ruth ball sold for record \$126,500

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Seventy-five years after Babe Ruth hit the first home run at Yankee Stadium, the ball soared again - this time in bidding at a sports memorabilia auction.

The ball, discovered in a New Jersey attic two years ago, was sold for a record \$126,500 early Friday.

Mike Heffner, managing director of Leland's Auctions, said the buyer - who made the winning bid by telephone - did not want to be identified.

"Obviously, it was worth it," Heffner said. "It's the best baseball we've ever sold and the price showed it." The previous record for a baseball was \$93,500 for the ball that went through Bill Buckner's legs, allowing the New York Mets to beat the Boston Red Sox in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, which they eventually won. That ball was bought by actor Charlie Sheen in 1992.

### Miami Heat's new arena catches fire

**MIAMI (AP)** - A new downtown arena under construction for the NBA's Miami Heat caught fire Friday, sending clouds of thick, black smoke billowing across the city's waterfront skyline.

Flames could be seen shooting from wooden construction material on part of the uppermost section of the partly-completed \$165 million American Airlines Arena.

At least ten fire trucks and crews - totaling 30-35 firefighters - rushed to the scene.

Fire officials did not immediately know what caused the fire but said it could have been caused by a welder, a police spokesman said. The fire was put out about four hours after it started.

Damage was limited to scaffolding on top of the arena. The main structure was not harmed, said Jay Cross, the Heat president of business operations.

### Boycott gets media reprieve

**LONDON (AP)** - Geoffrey Boycott, the cricket pundit who was dropped by the BBC and the tabloid Sun after he was convicted by a French court of battering a former girlfriend, has a new media job.

The former England opener was Friday named as chief cricket correspondent for Britain's Talk Radio network for the Ashes cricket tour in Australia.

The outspoken Yorkshireman's broadcasting career was in tatters Tuesday when a French Court upheld the verdict of an initial trial where he was convicted of assaulting Margaret Moore in a French Riviera hotel in 1996.

Boycott received a three-month suspended sentence and was fined £5,300.

### Tendulkar leads India to Coca Cola Trophy

**SHARJAH, UAE (AP)** - Sachin Tendulkar hit his 21st in one-day century and Saurav Ganguly added an unbeaten 63 Friday as the pair carried India to a 10-wicket victory over Zimbabwe and the Coca Cola Trophy.

Tendulkar, who benefited from a collision of two Zimbabweans trying to catch him, impressed the crowd with his half dozen sixes and 12 boundaries in his 124-run stand off 92 balls.

Having been set a target of 196, which Zimbabwe struggled to reach for nine wickets in 50 overs, India raced to 197 for no loss in only 30 overs.

Tendulkar reached his 50 runs in just 28 balls and his 21st one-day century in 71 deliveries.

Left-hander Ganguly hit three sixes, which soared to the roof of the flood-lit stadium, in his stand.

### Injured Elway to miss Denver's game tomorrow

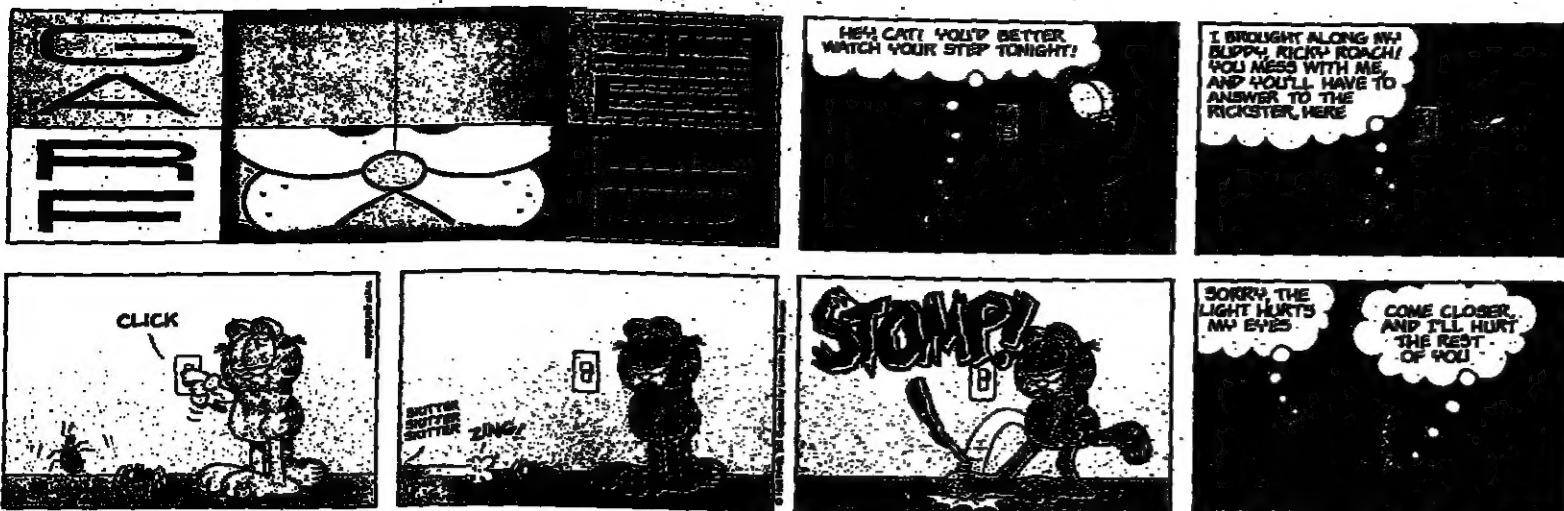
**ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (Reuters)** - The unbeaten Denver Broncos will make their run at 10-0 in tomorrow night's AFC West battle at Kansas City without star quarterback John Elway.

The 38-year-old Elway is still bothered by strained rib muscles he suffered during pregame warmups last Sunday.

"John's not close to 100 percent and he will not practice until he is," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan.

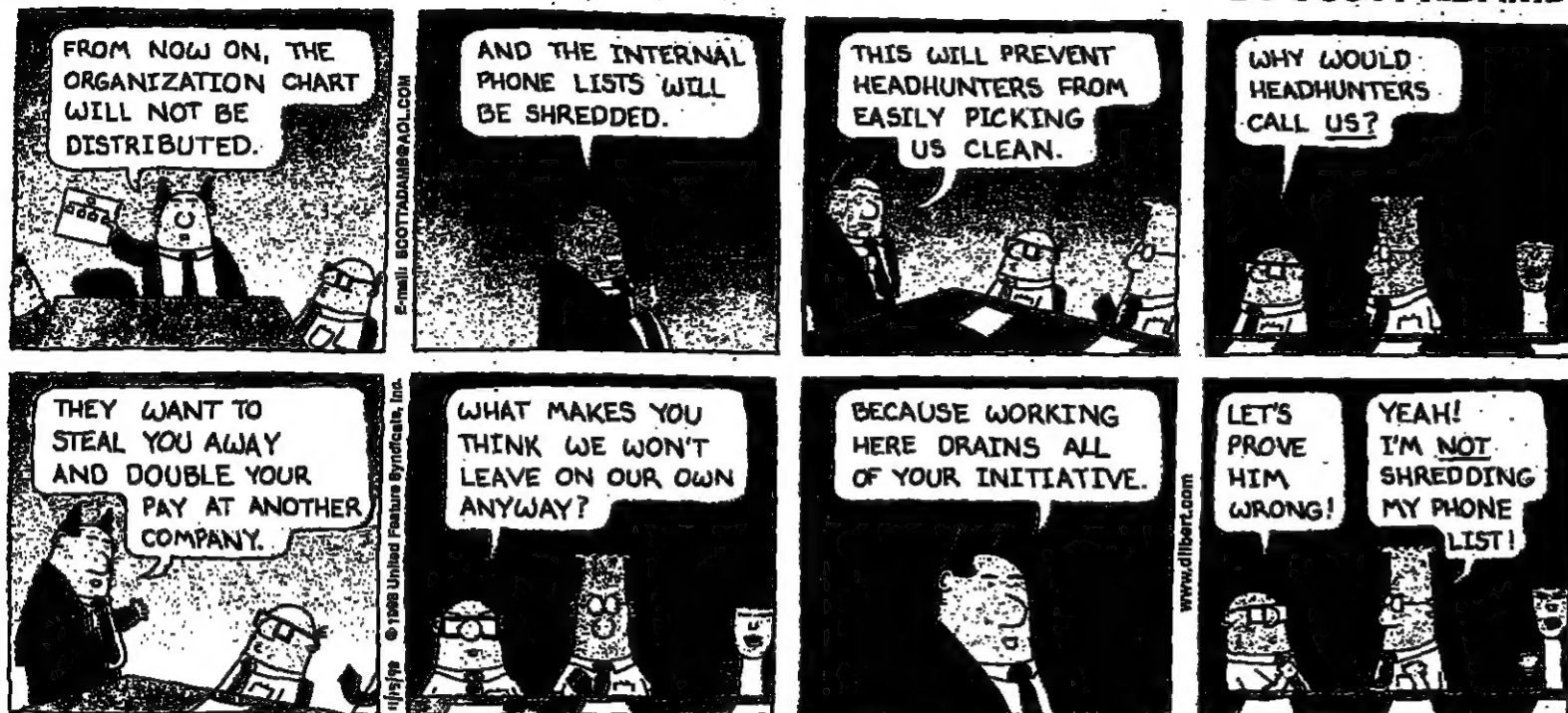
"It's not comfortable and this is not something I'm going to rush," said Elway of the rib injury. "I rushed the hamstring injury and it cost me some games, so I'm not going to rush this."





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